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To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MARITIME BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
6 land Security, acting through the Commandant of the
7 Coast Guard, shall conduct, in the maritime environment,

1 a program for the mobile biometric identification of sus-
2 pected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border
3 security and for other purposes.

4 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure the
5 program described in subsection (a) is coordinated with
6 other biometric identification programs within the Depart-
7 ment of Homeland Security.

8 (c) COST ANALYSIS.—Not later than 90 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
10 submit to the Committees on Appropriations and Home-
11 land Security of the House of Representatives and the
12 Committees on Appropriations and Homeland Security
13 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate an analysis of the
14 cost of expanding the Coast Guard’s biometric identifica-
15 tion capabilities for use by the Coast Guard’s Deployable
16 Operations Group, cutters, stations, and other deployable
17 maritime teams considered appropriate by the Secretary,
18 and any other appropriate Department of Homeland Secu-
19 rity maritime vessels and units. The analysis may include
20 a tiered plan for the deployment of the program described
21 in subsection (a) that gives priority to vessels and units
22 more likely to encounter individuals suspected of making
23 unlawful border crossings through the maritime environ-
24 ment.

1 (d) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section,
2 the term “biometric identification” means the use of fin-
3 gerprint and digital photography images.

