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To require that certain information relating to terrorism investigations be included in the NICS database, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAYSON, Ms. ESTY, and Mr. DEFazio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. REPORTING OF TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS**
4 **TO NICS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 (1) the term “explosive materials” has the
7 meaning given the term in section 841 of title 18,
8 United States Code;

1 (2) the term “firearm” has the meaning given
2 the term in section 921 of title 18, United States
3 Code;

4 (3) the term “licensee” means—

5 (A) a person licensed under chapter 40 of
6 title 18, United States Code; or

7 (B) a licensed importer, licensed manufac-
8 turer, or licensed dealer, as those terms are de-
9 fined in section 921 of title 18, United States
10 Code;

11 (4) the term “NICS” means the national in-
12 stant criminal background check system established
13 under section 103 of the Brady Handgun Violence
14 Prevention Act (18 U.S.C. 922 note); and

15 (5) the term “terrorism” includes international
16 terrorism and domestic terrorism, as defined in sec-
17 tion 2331 of title 18, United States Code.

18 (b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN NICS.—Not
19 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
20 the Attorney General shall establish a process to ensure
21 that if any person has been or is under a terrorism inves-
22 tigation conducted by the Department of Justice or any
23 other department or agency of the Federal Government,
24 information about such terrorism investigation of the per-
25 son shall be included in the NICS database.

1 (c) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION.—

2 (1) TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS.—The head of
3 each department or agency of the Federal Govern-
4 ment that has information about a person who has
5 been or is under a terrorism investigation conducted
6 by the department or agency shall provide such in-
7 formation to the Attorney General for inclusion in
8 the NICS database under subsection (b).

9 (2) EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS PURCHASES.—Sec-
10 tion 842 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 “(q) NOTICE TO NICS OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS
13 PURCHASE.—A licensee who sells explosive materials to
14 another person shall notify the national instant criminal
15 background check system established under section 103
16 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of the sale
17 and the identity of the other person.”.

18 (d) NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVES-
19 TIGATION.—If a licensee contacts NICS to request a
20 unique identification number for the transfer of a firearm
21 to a prospective purchaser under section 922(t) of title
22 18, United States Code, or to notify NICS of an explosive
23 materials purchase, and the prospective purchaser or pur-
24 chaser, as the case may be, is a person who has been or
25 is under a terrorism investigation conducted by the De-

1 partment of Justice or any other department or agency
2 of the Federal Government, NICS shall notify the appro-
3 priate division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of
4 the request and pending firearm transfer.

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