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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize expenditures to combat emerging terrorist threats, including vehicular attacks, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Shielding Public
3 Spaces from Vehicular Terrorism Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

5 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (11) of section 302 (6 U.S.C.
7 182), by inserting “research and development to
8 combat emerging terrorist threats, such as vehicular
9 attacks, and” before “the long-term”; and

10 (2) in subparagraph (B) of section 308(b)(2) (6
11 U.S.C. 188(b)(2))—

12 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
13 striking “expertise in—” and inserting “exper-
14 tise in the following:”;

15 (B) by redesignating clause (xiv) as clause
16 (xv); and

17 (C) by inserting after clause (xiii) the fol-
18 lowing new clause:

19 “(xiv) Combating emerging terrorist
20 threats, including vehicular attacks.”.

21 **SEC. 3. ALLOWABLE USES.**

22 Section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
23 (6 U.S.C. 609) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (11)
2 through (14) as paragraphs (12) through (15),
3 respectively; and

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (10) the
5 following new paragraph:

6 “(11) addressing security vulnerabilities of pub-
7 lic spaces, including through the installation of
8 bollards and other target hardening activities;”; and
9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking
11 “(a)(10)” and inserting “(a)(12)”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(6) FIREARMS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded
16 under section 2003 or 2004 may not be used
17 for the provision to any person of a firearm or
18 training in the use of a firearm.

19 “(B) NO EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Noth-
20 ing in this paragraph may be construed to pre-
21 clude or contradict any other provision of law
22 authorizing the provision of firearms or training
23 in the use of firearms.”.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

2 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to
3 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
4 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
5 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on poten-
6 tial terrorism vulnerabilities relating to emerging auto-
7 motive technologies that support driverless vehicles and
8 the associated threat such vehicles may pose to people in
9 public spaces. Such report shall also compare any public
10 benefit of such vehicles against any such vulnerabilities
11 and threats.

Passed the House of Representatives June 19, 2018.

Attest:

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