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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish
in the Department of Homeland Security an Unmanned
Aircraft Systems Coordinator, 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 “DHS Countering Un-
3 manned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS COUNTER-**
5 **MEASURES COORDINATOR.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-
7 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 321. COUNTERING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**
10 **COORDINATOR.**

11 “(a) COORDINATOR.—The Secretary shall designate
12 an official of the Department as the Countering Un-
13 manned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Coordinator (in this sec-
14 tion referred to as the ‘Coordinator’) to coordinate with
15 relevant Department offices and components on the devel-
16 opment of policies and plans to counter threats associated
17 with UAS, including—

18 “(1) countering UAS that may be used in a ter-
19 rorist attack;

20 “(2) promoting research and development of
21 counter UAS technologies;

22 “(3) ensuring the dissemination of information
23 and guidance related to countering UAS threats;

24 “(4) serving as the Department point of contact
25 for Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement

1 entities and the private sector regarding the Depart-
2 ment's activities related to countering UAS; and

3 “(5) carrying out other related UAS activities,
4 as directed by the Secretary.

5 “(b) COORDINATION WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL
6 LAWS.—The Coordinator shall, in addition to other as-
7 signed duties, coordinate with relevant Department com-
8 ponents and offices to ensure testing, evaluation, or de-
9 ployment of a system used to identify, assess, or defeat
10 a UAS is carried out in accordance with applicable Fed-
11 eral laws.

12 “(c) COORDINATION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR.—The
13 Coordinator shall, working with the Office of Partnership
14 and Engagement and other relevant Department offices
15 and components, or other Federal agencies, as appro-
16 priate, serve as the principal Department official respon-
17 sible for disseminating to the private sector information
18 regarding counter UAS technology, particularly informa-
19 tion regarding instances in which counter UAS technology
20 may impact lawful private sector services or systems.”.

21 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

22 (1) REDESIGNATION OF DUPLICATE SECTION
23 NUMBER.—Title III of the Homeland Security Act
24 of 2002 is amended by redesignating the second sec-

1 tion 319 (relating to EMP and GMD mitigation re-
2 search and development) as section 320.

3 (2) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-
4 tents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act
5 of 2002 is amended by striking the items relating to
6 sections 317, 319, 318, and 319 and inserting the
7 following new items:

“Sec. 317. Promoting antiterrorism through international cooperation program.

“Sec. 318. Social media working group.

“Sec. 319. Transparency in research and development.

“Sec. 320. EMP and GMD mitigation research and development.

“Sec. 321. Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 4,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.