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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 require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare
a threat assessment relating to unmanned aircraft systems,
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 “Protecting Critical In-
3 frastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DRONE AND EMERGING THREAT ASSESSMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for
7 Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland
8 Security shall—

9 (1) in consultation with other relevant officials
10 of the Department, request additional information
11 from other agencies of the Federal Government,
12 State and local government agencies, and the private
13 sector relating to threats of unmanned aircraft sys-
14 tems and other emerging threats associated with
15 such new technologies;

16 (2) in consultation with relevant officials of the
17 Department and other appropriate agencies of the
18 Federal Government, develop and disseminate a se-
19 curity threat assessment regarding unmanned air-
20 craft systems and other emerging threats associated
21 with such new technologies; and

22 (3) establish and utilize, in conjunction with the
23 Chief Information Officer of the Department and
24 other relevant entities, a secure communications and
25 information technology infrastructure, including
26 data-mining and other advanced analytical tools, in

1 order to access, receive, and analyze data and infor-
2 mation in furtherance of the responsibilities under
3 this section, including by establishing a voluntary
4 mechanism whereby critical infrastructure owners
5 and operators may report information on emerging
6 threats, such as the threat posed by unmanned air-
7 craft systems.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for In-
10 telligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland
11 Security shall prepare a threat assessment and report to
12 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
13 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
14 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate on the threat
15 posed by unmanned aircraft systems, including informa-
16 tion collected from critical infrastructure owners and oper-
17 ators and Federal, State, and local government agencies.

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—

19 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
20 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
21 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
22 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

23 (2) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term
24 “unmanned aircraft system” has the meaning given
25 such term in section 331 of the FAA Modernization

1 and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note;
2 Public Law 112–95).

Passed the House of Representatives September 25,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.