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H. R. 2160

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE (for himself and Mr. GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

7 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (11) of section 302 (6 U.S.C.
9 182), by inserting “research and development to

1 combat emerging terrorist threats, such as vehicular
2 attacks, and” before “the long-term”; and

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

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

8 (B) by redesignating clause (xiv) as clause
9 (xv); and

10 (C) by inserting after clause (xiii) the fol-
11 lowing new clause:

12 “(xiv) Combating emerging terrorist
13 threats, including vehicular attacks.”.

14 **SEC. 3. ALLOWABLE USES.**

15 Section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
16 (6 U.S.C. 609) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (11)
19 through (14) as paragraphs (12) through (15),
20 respectively; and

21 (B) by inserting after paragraph (10) the
22 following new paragraph:

23 “(11) addressing security vulnerabilities of pub-
24 lic spaces, including through the installation of
25 bollards and other target hardening activities;”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

4 (B) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(6) FIREARMS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded
8 under section 2003 or 2004 may not be used
9 for the provision to any person of a firearm or
10 training in the use of a firearm.

11 “(B) NO EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Noth-
12 ing in this paragraph may be construed to pre-
13 clude or contradict any other provision of law
14 authorizing the provision of firearms or training
15 in the use of firearms.”.

16 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

17 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to
18 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
19 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
20 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on poten-
21 tial terrorism vulnerabilities relating to emerging auto-
22 motive technologies that support driverless vehicles and
23 the associated threat such vehicles may pose to people in
24 public spaces. Such report shall also compare any public

- 1 benefit of such vehicles against any such vulnerabilities
- 2 and threats.

