

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1300, With An Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1300

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2015

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “First Responder An-  
5 thrax Preparedness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRE-EVENT ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR**  
2 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.**

3 (a) ANTHRAX PREPAREDNESS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Homeland Se-  
5 curity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 6 U.S.C.  
6 311 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following new section:

8 **“SEC. 526. ANTHRAX PREPAREDNESS.**

9 “(a) PRE-EVENT ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM  
10 FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.—For the pur-  
11 pose of domestic preparedness for and collective response  
12 to terrorism, the Secretary, in coordination with the Sec-  
13 retary of Health and Human Services, shall establish a  
14 program to provide anthrax vaccines from the strategic  
15 national stockpile under section 319F–2(a) of the Public  
16 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)) that will be  
17 nearing the end of their labeled dates of use at the time  
18 such vaccines are to be administered to emergency re-  
19 sponse providers who are at high risk of exposure to an-  
20 thrax and who voluntarily consent to such administration,  
21 and shall—

22 “(1) establish any necessary logistical and  
23 tracking systems to facilitate making such vaccines  
24 so available;

25 “(2) distribute disclosures regarding associated  
26 benefits and risks to end users; and

1           “(3) conduct outreach to educate emergency re-  
2           sponse providers about the voluntary program.

3           “(b) THREAT ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary shall—

4           “(1) support homeland security-focused risk  
5           analysis and risk assessments of the threats posed  
6           by anthrax from an act of terror;

7           “(2) leverage existing and emerging homeland  
8           security intelligence capabilities and structures to  
9           enhance prevention, protection, response, and recov-  
10          ery efforts with respect to an anthrax terror attack;  
11          and

12          “(3) share information and provide tailored an-  
13          alytical support on threats posed by anthrax to  
14          State, local, and tribal authorities, as well as other  
15          national biosecurity and biodefense stakeholders.”.

16          (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
17          tents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by in-  
18          serting at the end of the items relating to title V the  
19          following new item:

“Sec. 526. Anthrax preparedness.”.

20          (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

21                 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pre-  
22                 event vaccination program authorized in section  
23                 526(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as  
24                 added by subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland  
25                 Security, in coordination with the Secretary of

1 Health and Human Services, shall carry out a pilot  
2 program to provide anthrax vaccines to emergency  
3 response providers as so authorized. The duration of  
4 the pilot program shall be 24 months from the date  
5 the initial vaccines are administered to participants.

6 (2) PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS.—By not  
7 later than one year after the date of the enactment  
8 of this Act, and prior to implementing the pilot pro-  
9 gram under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Home-  
10 land Security shall—

11 (A) establish a communication platform for  
12 the pilot program;

13 (B) establish education and training mod-  
14 ules for the pilot program;

15 (C) conduct economic analysis of the pilot  
16 program; and

17 (D) create a logistical platform for the an-  
18 thrax vaccine request process under the pilot  
19 program.

20 (3) LOCATION.—In carrying out the pilot pro-  
21 gram under this subsection, the Secretary of Home-  
22 land Security shall select emergency response pro-  
23 viders based in at least two States for participation  
24 in the pilot program.

1           (4) DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION.—The  
2 Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide to  
3 each emergency response provider who participates  
4 in the pilot program under this subsection disclo-  
5 sures and educational materials regarding the asso-  
6 ciated benefits and risks of any vaccine provided  
7 under the pilot program and of exposure to anthrax.

8           (5) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
10 thereafter until one year after the completion of the  
11 pilot program, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
12 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
13 rity and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of  
14 the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
15 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
16 Senate a report on the progress and results of the  
17 pilot program, including the percentage of eligible  
18 emergency response providers, as determined by  
19 each pilot location, that volunteer to participate, the  
20 degree to which participants obtain necessary vac-  
21 cinations, as appropriate, and recommendations to  
22 improve initial and recurrent participation in the  
23 pilot program. The report shall include a plan under  
24 which the Secretary plans to continue the program  
25 to provide vaccines to emergency response providers

1 under section 526(a) of the Homeland Security Act  
2 of 2002, as added by subsection (a).

3 (6) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The  
4 Secretary of Homeland Security shall begin imple-  
5 menting the pilot program under this subsection by  
6 not later than the date that is one year after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act.