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To establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KIND, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. PEARCE, and Mr. DESAULNIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog.

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 “Rapid DNA Act of
5 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. RAPID DNA INSTRUMENTS.**

7 (a) STANDARDS.—Section 210303(a) of the DNA
8 Identification Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14131(a)) is amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following:

10 “(5)(A) In addition to issuing standards as pro-
11 vided in paragraphs (1) through (4), the Director of
12 the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall issue
13 standards and procedures for the use of Rapid DNA
14 instruments and resulting DNA analyses.

15 “(B) In this Act, the term ‘Rapid DNA instru-
16 ments’ means instrumentation that carries out a
17 fully automated process to derive a DNA analysis
18 from a DNA sample.”.

19 (b) INDEX.—Paragraph (2) of section 210304(b) of
20 the DNA Identification Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C.
21 14132(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(2) prepared by—

23 “(A) laboratories that—

24 “(i) have been accredited by a non-
25 profit professional association of persons

1 actively involved in forensic science that is
2 nationally recognized within the forensic
3 science community; and

4 “(ii) undergo external audits, not less
5 than once every 2 years, that demonstrate
6 compliance with standards established by
7 the Director of the Federal Bureau of In-
8 vestigation; or

9 “(B) criminal justice agencies using Rapid
10 DNA instruments approved by the Director of
11 the Federal Bureau of Investigation in compli-
12 ance with the standards and procedures issued
13 by the Director under section 210303(a)(5);
14 and”.

15 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO COL-**
16 **LECTION OF DNA IDENTIFICATION INFORMA-**
17 **TION.**

18 (a) FROM CERTAIN FEDERAL OFFENDERS.—Section
19 3 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000
20 (42 U.S.C. 14135a) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
22 following: “The Director of the Federal Bureau of
23 Investigation may waive the requirements under this
24 subsection if DNA samples are analyzed by means

1 of Rapid DNA instruments and the results are in-
2 cluded in CODIS.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(3) The term ‘Rapid DNA instruments’ means
6 instrumentation that carries out a fully automated
7 process to derive a DNA analysis from a DNA sam-
8 ple.”.

9 (b) FROM CERTAIN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OF-
10 FENDERS.—Section 4 of the DNA Analysis Backlog
11 Elimination Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14135b) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
14 following: “The Director of the Federal Bureau of
15 Investigation may waive the requirements under this
16 subsection if DNA samples are analyzed by means
17 of Rapid DNA instruments and the results are in-
18 cluded in CODIS.”; and

19 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
20 following:

21 “(3) The term ‘Rapid DNA instruments’ means
22 instrumentation that carries out a fully automated
23 process to derive a DNA analysis from a DNA sam-
24 ple.”.