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To establish a working group to determine ways to develop a domestic canine breeding network to produce high quality explosives detection canines, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. KATKO, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. DONOVAN, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 6, 2017]

A BILL

To establish a working group to determine ways to develop a domestic canine breeding network to produce high quality explosives detection canines, 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 “Domestic Explosives De-*
5 *tection Canine Capacity Building Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS.—The term “behav-*
9 *ioral standards” means standards for the evaluation*
10 *of explosives detection working canines for certain*
11 *factors, including canine temperament, work drive,*
12 *suitability for training, environmental factors used in*
13 *evaluations, and canine familiarity with natural or*
14 *man-made surfaces or working conditions relevant to*
15 *the canine’s expected work area.*

16 (2) *MEDICAL STANDARDS.—The term “medical*
17 *standards” means standards for the evaluation of ex-*
18 *plosives detection working canines for certain factors,*
19 *including canine health, management of heredity*
20 *health conditions, breeding practices, genetics, pedi-*
21 *gree, and long-term health tracking.*

22 (3) *TECHNICAL STANDARDS.—The term “tech-*
23 *nical standards” means standards for the evaluation*
24 *of explosives detection working canines for certain*
25 *factors, including canine search techniques, handler-*

1 *canine communication, detection testing conditions*
2 *and logistics, and learned explosive odor libraries.*

3 **SEC. 3. DOMESTIC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT.**

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*
5 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland*
6 *Security, acting through the Administrator of the Transpor-*
7 *tation Security Administration, shall establish a working*
8 *group to determine ways to develop a decentralized domestic*
9 *canine breeding network to produce high quality explosives*
10 *detection canines and modernize canine training standards.*

11 *(b) WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION.—The working*
12 *group established under subsection (a) shall be comprised*
13 *of representatives from the following:*

14 *(1) The Transportation Security Administra-*
15 *tion.*

16 *(2) The Science and Technology Directorate of*
17 *the Department of Homeland Security.*

18 *(3) National domestic canine associations with*
19 *expertise in breeding and pedigree.*

20 *(4) Universities with expertise related to explo-*
21 *sives detection canines and canine breeding.*

22 *(5) Domestic canine breeders and vendors.*

23 *(c) CHAIRPERSONS.—The Administrator for the*
24 *Transportation Security Administration shall approve of*
25 *two individuals from among the representatives of the work-*

1 *ing group specified in subsection (b) to serve as the Chair-*
2 *persons of the working group. One such Chairperson shall*
3 *be from the entities specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of*
4 *such subsection, and the other such Chairperson shall be*
5 *from the entities specified in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5)*
6 *of such subsection.*

7 (d) *PRELIMINARY STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDA-*
8 *TIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the establishment of*
9 *the working group under subsection (a), such working group*
10 *shall submit to the Administrator of the Transportation Se-*
11 *curity Administration preliminary behavioral standards,*
12 *medical standards, and technical standards for the domestic*
13 *canine breeding network and canine training described in*
14 *such subsection, including recommendations on how the*
15 *Transportation Security Administration can engage stake-*
16 *holders to further the development of such network and*
17 *training.*

18 (e) *STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after submis-*
19 *sion of recommendations to the Administrator of the Trans-*
20 *portation Security Administration under subsection (c), the*
21 *Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Homeland*
22 *Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee*
23 *on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate*
24 *a strategy for expanding the domestic canine breeding net-*

1 *work described in subsection (a), based on such rec-*
2 *ommendations.*

3 (f) *CONSULTATION.*—*In developing the strategy re-*
4 *quired under subsection (e), the Administrator of the Trans-*
5 *portation Security Administration shall consult with the*
6 *Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Depart-*
7 *ment of Homeland Security, the Commissioner for U.S.*
8 *Customs and Border Protection, the Director of the United*
9 *States Secret Service, and the heads of other Department*
10 *of Homeland Security components determined appropriate*
11 *by the Administrator to incorporate, to the extent prac-*
12 *ticable, mission needs across the Department for an ex-*
13 *panded domestic explosives detection canine breeding net-*
14 *work that can be leveraged to help meet the Department’s*
15 *operational needs.*

16 (g) *SUNSET.*—*The working group established under*
17 *subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is two years*
18 *after the submission of the strategy required under sub-*
19 *section (e).*

20 **SEC. 4. ACQUIRING BASELINE CAPACITY.**

21 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 270 days after the*
22 *submission of recommendations to the Administrator of the*
23 *Transportation Security Administration under section 3,*
24 *the Administrator shall issue baseline behavioral standards,*

1 *medical standards, and technical standards for explosives*
2 *detection canines.*

3 (b) *STANDARDS.—The baseline behavioral standards,*
4 *medical standards, and technical standards referred to in*
5 *subsection (a) shall be incorporated, as appropriate, into*
6 *all statements of work for the Transportation Security Ad-*
7 *ministration explosives detection canine contracts and re-*
8 *flect the detection capabilities required to effectively miti-*
9 *gate terrorist threats. Such standards may be revised by*
10 *the Administrator of the Transportation Security Adminis-*
11 *tration, as necessary.*

12 **SEC. 5. NONAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-**
13 **MITTEE ACT.**

14 *The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)*
15 *shall not apply to the working group established under this*
16 *Act.*