

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3548  
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At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. 125. INTEGRATED BORDER ENFORCEMENT TEAMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title IV of the  
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 231 et seq.),  
4 as amended by section 116 of this Act, is further amended  
5 by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 435. INTEGRATED BORDER ENFORCEMENT TEAMS.**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-  
8 lish within the Department a program to be known as the  
9 Integrated Border Enforcement Team program (referred  
10 to in this section as ‘IBET’).

11 “(b) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall administer the  
12 IBET program in a manner that results in a cooperative  
13 approach between the United States and Canada to—

14 “(1) strengthen security between designated  
15 ports of entry;

16 “(2) detect, prevent, investigate, and respond to  
17 terrorism and violations of law related to border se-  
18 curity;

1           “(3) facilitate collaboration among components  
2           and offices within the Department and international  
3           partners;

4           “(4) execute coordinated activities in further-  
5           ance of border security and homeland security; and

6           “(5) enhance information-sharing, including the  
7           dissemination of homeland security information  
8           among such components and offices.

9           “(c) COMPOSITION AND LOCATION OF IBETS.—

10           “(1) COMPOSITION.—IBETs shall be led by the  
11           United States Border Patrol and may be comprised  
12           of personnel from the following:

13                   “(A) Other subcomponents of U.S. Cus-  
14                   toms and Border Protection.

15                   “(B) U.S. Immigration and Customs En-  
16                   forcement, led by Homeland Security Investiga-  
17                   tions.

18                   “(C) The Coast Guard, for the purpose of  
19                   securing the maritime borders of the United  
20                   States.

21                   “(D) Other Department personnel, as ap-  
22                   propriate.

23                   “(E) Other Federal departments and agen-  
24                   cies, as appropriate.

1           “(F) Appropriate State law enforcement  
2 agencies.

3           “(G) Foreign law enforcement partners.

4           “(H) Local law enforcement agencies from  
5 affected border cities and communities.

6           “(I) Appropriate tribal law enforcement  
7 agencies.

8           “(2) LOCATION.—The Secretary is authorized  
9 to establish IBETs in regions in which such teams  
10 can contribute to IBET missions, as appropriate.  
11 When establishing an IBET, the Secretary shall con-  
12 sider the following:

13           “(A) Whether the region in which the  
14 IBET would be established is significantly im-  
15 pacted by cross-border threats.

16           “(B) The availability of Federal, State,  
17 local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement re-  
18 sources to participate in an IBET.

19           “(C) Whether, in accordance with para-  
20 graph (3), other joint cross-border initiatives al-  
21 ready take place within the region in which the  
22 IBET would be established, including other De-  
23 partment cross-border programs such as the In-  
24 tegrated Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforce-  
25 ment Operation Program established under sec-

1           tion 711 of the Coast Guard and Maritime  
2           Transportation Act of 2012 (46 U.S.C. 70101  
3           note) or the Border Enforcement Security Task  
4           Force established under section 432.

5           “(3) DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—In deter-  
6           mining whether to establish a new IBET or to ex-  
7           pand an existing IBET in a given region, the Sec-  
8           retary shall ensure that the IBET under consider-  
9           ation does not duplicate the efforts of other existing  
10          interagency task forces or centers within such re-  
11          gion, including the Integrated Cross-Border Mari-  
12          time Law Enforcement Operation Program estab-  
13          lished under section 711 of the Coast Guard and  
14          Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (46 U.S.C.  
15          70101 note) or the Border Enforcement Security  
16          Task Force established under section 432.

17          “(d) OPERATION.—

18                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—After determining the re-  
19                 gions in which to establish IBETs, the Secretary  
20                 may—

21                         “(A) direct the assignment of Federal per-  
22                         sonnel to such IBETs; and

23                         “(B) take other actions to assist Federal,  
24                         State, local, and tribal entities to participate in  
25                         such IBETs, including providing financial as-

1           sistance, as appropriate, for operational, admin-  
2           istrative, and technological costs associated with  
3           such participation.

4           “(2) LIMITATION.—Coast Guard personnel as-  
5           signed under paragraph (1) may be assigned only  
6           for the purposes of securing the maritime borders of  
7           the United States, in accordance with subsection  
8           (e)(1)(C).

9           “(e) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate  
10          the IBET program with other similar border security and  
11          antiterrorism programs within the Department in accord-  
12          ance with the strategic objectives of the Cross-Border Law  
13          Enforcement Advisory Committee.

14          “(f) MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-  
15          retary may enter into memoranda of understanding with  
16          appropriate representatives of the entities specified in sub-  
17          section (e)(1) necessary to carry out the IBET program.

18          “(g) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the  
19          date on which an IBET is established and biannually  
20          thereafter for the following six years, the Secretary shall  
21          submit to the appropriate congressional committees, in-  
22          cluding the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
23          House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-  
24          land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate,  
25          and in the case of Coast Guard personnel used to secure

1 the maritime borders of the United States, additionally to  
2 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
3 the House of Representatives, a report that—

4 “(1) describes the effectiveness of IBETs in ful-  
5 filling the purposes specified in subsection (b);

6 “(2) assess the impact of certain challenges on  
7 the sustainment of cross-border IBET operations,  
8 including challenges faced by international partners;

9 “(3) addresses ways to support joint training  
10 for IBET stakeholder agencies and radio interoper-  
11 ability to allow for secure cross-border radio commu-  
12 nications; and

13 “(4) assesses how IBETs, Border Enforcement  
14 Security Task Forces, and the Integrated Cross-Bor-  
15 der Maritime Law Enforcement Operation Program  
16 can better align operations, including interdiction  
17 and investigation activities.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
19 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is  
20 amended by adding after the item relating to section 434  
21 the following new item:

“Sec. 435. Integrated Border Enforcement Teams.”.

