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H. R. 1850

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 relating to the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2021

Miss RICE of New York (for herself and Mr. GARBARINO) 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 “Supporting Research
5 and Development for First Responders Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
7 **ORATORY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-
9 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 322. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
2 **ORATORY.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
4 the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall
5 designate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an
6 additional laboratory pursuant to the authority under sec-
7 tion 308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and
8 evaluate emerging technologies and conduct research and
9 development to assist emergency response providers in
10 preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

11 “(b) LABORATORY DESCRIBED.—The laboratory de-
12 scribed in this subsection is the laboratory—

13 “(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of
14 this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-
15 nology Laboratory; and

16 “(2) transferred to the Department pursuant to
17 section 303(1)(E).

18 “(c) LABORATORY ACTIVITIES.—The National Urban
19 Security Technology Laboratory shall—

20 “(1) conduct tests, evaluations, and assess-
21 ments of current and emerging technologies, includ-
22 ing, as appropriate, the cybersecurity of such tech-
23 nologies that can connect to the internet, for emer-
24 gency response providers;

25 “(2) act as a technical advisor to emergency re-
26 sponse providers; and

1 “(3) carry out other such activities as the Sec-
2 retary determines appropriate.

3 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion may be construed as affecting in any manner the au-
5 thorities or responsibilities of the Countering Weapons of
6 Mass Destruction Office of the Department.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
8 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
9 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
10 321 the following new item:

“Sec. 322. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

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