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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2019

Miss Rice of New York (for herself and Mr. King of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Research and Development for First Responders Act”.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:
SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY.

(a) In General.—The Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall designate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an additional laboratory pursuant to the authority under section 308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and evaluate emerging technologies and conduct research and development to assist emergency response providers in preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

(b) Laboratory Described.—The laboratory described in this subsection is the laboratory—

(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of this section, as the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory;

(2) previously known as the Environmental Measurements Laboratory; and

(3) transferred to the Department pursuant to section 303(1)(E).

(c) Laboratory Activities.—The laboratory designated pursuant to subsection (a), shall—

(1) conduct tests, evaluations, and assessments of current and emerging technologies, including, as appropriate, cybersecurity of such technologies that can connect to the internet, for emergency response providers;
“(2) conduct research and development on radiological and nuclear response and recovery;

“(3) act as a technical advisor to emergency response providers; and

“(4) carry out other such activities as the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 320 the following new item:

“321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.