H. R. 4402

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Mrs. LESKO (for herself, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. CRENSHAW) 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 “Inland Waters Security Review Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—
(A) the Committee on Homeland Security
of the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Homeland Security
and Government Affairs of the Senate; and

(C) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation of the Senate.

(2) INLAND WATERS.—The term “inland
waters” has the meaning given such term in section
83.03 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 3. INLAND WATERS THREAT ANALYSIS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
land Security shall submit to the appropriate congres-
sional committees an inland waters threat analysis that
includes an identification and description of the following:

(1) Current and potential terrorism and crimi-
nal threats posed by individuals and groups seeking
to—

(A) enter the United States through inland
waters; or

(B) exploit security vulnerabilities on in-
land waters.

(2) Security challenges at United States inland
waters ports regarding—
(A) terrorism and instruments of terror entering the United States; and

(B) criminal activity, as measured by the total flow of illegal goods and illicit drugs, related to the inland waters.

(3) Security mitigation efforts with respect to the inland waters to—

(A) prevent terrorists and instruments of terror from entering the United States; and

(B) reduce criminal activity related to the inland waters.

(4) Vulnerabilities related to cooperation between State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement, or international agreements, that hinder effective security, counterterrorism, anti-trafficking efforts, and the flow of legitimate trade with respect to inland waters.

(5) Metrics and performance measures used by the Department of Homeland Security to evaluate inland waters security, as appropriate.

(b) ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS.—In preparing the threat analysis required under subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall consider and examine the following:

(1) Technology needs and challenges.
(2) Personnel needs and challenges.

(3) The roles of State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement, as well as private sector partners and the public, relating to inland waters security.

(4) The need for cooperation among Federal, State, local, Tribal, territorial, and international partner law enforcement, as well as private sector partners and the public, relating to inland waters security.

(5) The challenges posed by geography with respect to inland waters security.

(c) CLASSIFIED THREAT ANALYSIS.—To the extent possible, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit the threat analysis required under subsection (a) in unclassified form. The Secretary may submit a portion of the threat analysis in classified form if the Secretary determines that such is appropriate.