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**[Report No. 116-90]**

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2019

Mr. CORREA (for himself, Mr. MAST, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) 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 April 4, 2019]

# **A BILL**

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 regarding the procurement of certain items related to national security interests for Department of Homeland Security frontline operational components, 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 “Homeland Procurement*  
5 *Reform Act” or the “HOPR Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS TO BUY CERTAIN ITEMS RELATED**  
7                   **TO NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS ACCORD-**  
8                   **ING TO CERTAIN CRITERIA.**

9       *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title VIII of the*  
10 *Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391 et seq.) is*  
11 *amended by adding at the end the following new section:*

12 **“SEC. 836. REQUIREMENTS TO BUY CERTAIN ITEMS RE-**  
13                   **LATED TO NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS.**

14       *“(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall ensure that*  
15 *any procurement of covered items for a frontline oper-*  
16 *ational component meets the following criteria:*

17                   *“(1) To the maximum extent possible, not less*  
18                   *than one-third of funds obligated in a specific fiscal*  
19                   *year for the procurement of such covered items shall*  
20                   *be covered items that are manufactured in part or*  
21                   *provided in the United States by entities that qualify*  
22                   *as small business concerns (as such term is described*  
23                   *under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.*  
24                   *632)).*

1           “(2) *Each prime contractor, with respect to the*  
2 *procurement of such covered items, shall ensure, to the*  
3 *maximum extent practicable, the following:*

4                   “(A) *Each first-tier subcontractor and end*  
5 *item manufacturer complies with the contractor*  
6 *code of business ethics and conduct under section*  
7 *3509 of title 41, United States Code, and the*  
8 *Federal Acquisition Regulation.*

9                   “(B) *Each first-tier subcontractor and end-*  
10 *item manufacturer is in compliance with a*  
11 *standard identified by the Secretary as appro-*  
12 *priate for quality, such as ISO 9001:2015 of the*  
13 *International Organization for Standardization.*

14                   “(C) *The ability of a first-tier subcontractor*  
15 *to fulfill the terms of the contract is verified.*

16           “(3) *Each supplier of such a covered item with*  
17 *an insignia (such as any patch, badge, or emblem)*  
18 *and each supplier of such an insignia, if such covered*  
19 *item with such insignia or such insignia, as the case*  
20 *may be, is not produced, applied, or assembled in the*  
21 *United States, shall—*

22                   “(A) *store such covered item with such in-*  
23 *signia or such insignia in a locked area;*

24                   “(B) *report any pilferage or theft of such*  
25 *covered item with such insignia or such insignia*

1           *occurring at any stage before delivery of such*  
2           *covered item with such insignia or such insignia;*  
3           *and*

4           “(C) *destroy any defective or unusable cov-*  
5           *ered item with insignia or insignia in a manner*  
6           *established by the Secretary, and maintain*  
7           *records, for three years after the creation of such*  
8           *records, of such destruction that include the date*  
9           *of such destruction, a description of the covered*  
10           *item with insignia or insignia destroyed, the*  
11           *quantity of the covered item with insignia or in-*  
12           *signia destroyed, and the method of destruction.*

13           “(b) *PRICING.—The Secretary shall ensure that cov-*  
14           *ered items are purchased at a fair and reasonable price,*  
15           *consistent with the procedures and guidelines specified in*  
16           *the Federal Acquisition Regulation.*

17           “(c) *REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
18           *of the enactment of this section and annually thereafter, the*  
19           *Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Homeland Se-*  
20           *curity, the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and the*  
21           *Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-*  
22           *tives, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-*  
23           *ernmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of*  
24           *the Senate a report on the following:*

1           “(1) *Instances in which vendors have failed to*  
2           *meet deadlines for delivery of covered items and cor-*  
3           *rective actions taken by the Department in response*  
4           *to such instances.*

5           “(2) *The status of efforts to carry out paragraph*  
6           *(1) of subsection (a).*

7           “(3) *A description of how the Department en-*  
8           *sure the compliance of each prime contractor with*  
9           *the requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection (a)*  
10          *and any instances of non-compliance.*

11          “(d) *DEPARTMENT FRONTLINE OPERATIONAL COMPO-*  
12          *NENT DESCRIBED.—In this section, the term ‘Department*  
13          *frontline operational component’ refers to any of the fol-*  
14          *lowing components of the Department:*

15                 “(1) *U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

16                 “(2) *U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-*  
17                 *ment.*

18                 “(3) *The United States Secret Service.*

19                 “(4) *The Transportation Security Administra-*  
20                 *tion.*

21                 “(5) *The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Secu-*  
22                 *rity Agency.*

23                 “(6) *The Federal Protective Service.*

24                 “(7) *The Federal Emergency Management Agen-*  
25                 *cy.*

1           “(8) *The Federal Law Enforcement Training*  
2           *Centers.*

3           “(e) *DETERMINATION.—If the Secretary determines*  
4 *that compliance with paragraph (1) of subsection (a) is im-*  
5 *practical, the Secretary shall, not later than 15 days after*  
6 *making such determination, submit to the Committee on*  
7 *Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and*  
8 *Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-*  
9 *airs of the Senate an explanation relating to such deter-*  
10 *mination and specifics regarding what percentage of cov-*  
11 *ered items will be procured by small business concerns.*

12           “(f) *EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply to the*  
13 *purchase of covered items by the Department to be used by*  
14 *the Department for training purposes.*

15           “(g) *COVERED ITEM DESCRIBED.—In this section, the*  
16 *term ‘covered item’ refers to any of the following with re-*  
17 *spect to a Department frontline operational component:*

18           “(1) *Body armor components intended to provide*  
19 *ballistic protection for an individual, consisting of*  
20 *one or more of the following:*

21                   “(A) *Soft ballistic panels.*

22                   “(B) *Hard ballistic plates.*

23                   “(C) *Concealed armor carriers worn under*  
24 *a uniform.*

1                   “(D) *External armor carriers worn over a*  
2                   *uniform.*

3                   “(2) *Helmets that provide ballistic protection*  
4                   *and other head protection and components.*

5                   “(3) *Protective eyewear.*

6                   “(4) *Rain gear, cold weather gear, other environ-*  
7                   *mental and flame-resistant clothing.*

8                   “(5) *Footwear.*

9                   “(6) *Uniforms.*

10                  “(7) *Bags and packs.*

11                  “(8) *Holsters and tactical pouches.*

12                  “(9) *Patches, insignia, and embellishments.*

13                  “(10) *Respiratory protective masks.*

14                  “(11) *Chemical, biological, radiological, and nu-*  
15                  *clear protective gear.*

16                  “(12) *Hearing protection equipment.*

17                  “(13) *Any other critical safety item as deter-*  
18                  *mined appropriate by the Secretary.*

19                  “(h) *EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section applies with re-*  
20                  *spect to a contract entered into by the Department or any*  
21                  *of its frontline operational components on or after October*  
22                  *1, 2020.*

23                  “(i) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*  
24                  *that the Secretary should endeavor to ensure that the major-*  
25                  *ity of covered items for a frontline operational component*

1 *procured by the Department are manufactured in the*  
2 *United States by entities that qualify as small business con-*  
3 *cerns.”.*

4       **(b) STUDY.**—*Not later than one year after the date of*  
5 *the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-*  
6 *rity shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security*  
7 *of the House of Representatives and the Committee on*  
8 *Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate*  
9 *a study of the adequacy of allowances provided to employees*  
10 *of Department of Homeland Security frontline operational*  
11 *components (as such term is described in section 836 of the*  
12 *Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by subsection*  
13 *(a)). Such study shall be informed by a Department-wide*  
14 *survey of employees from across the Department who receive*  
15 *uniform allowances that seeks to ascertain what, if any, im-*  
16 *provements could be made to the current uniform allow-*  
17 *ances and what, if any, impacts current allowances have*  
18 *had on employee morale and retention. Such study shall*  
19 *also consider increasing by 25 percent, at minimum, the*  
20 *uniform allowance for first year employees and by 50 per-*  
21 *cent, at minimum, the annual allowance for all other em-*  
22 *ployees.*

23       **(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—*The table of contents in*  
24 *section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is*

1 *amended by inserting after the item relating to section 835*

2 *the following new item:*

*“Sec. 836. Requirements to buy certain items related to national security inter-  
ests.”.*



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