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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security an Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2019

Mr. PERRY 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 “DHS Countering Un-
5 manned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS COUNTER-**
2 **MEASURES COORDINATOR.**

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

6 **“SEC. 321. COUNTERING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**
7 **COORDINATOR.**

8 “(a) COORDINATOR.—The Secretary shall designate
9 an official of the Department as the Countering Un-
10 manned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Coordinator (in this sec-
11 tion referred to as the ‘Coordinator’) to coordinate with
12 relevant Department offices and components on the devel-
13 opment of policies and plans to counter threats associated
14 with UAS, including the following:

15 “(1) Countering UAS that may be used in a
16 terrorist attack.

17 “(2) Promoting research and development of
18 counter UAS technologies.

19 “(3) Ensuring the dissemination of information
20 and guidance related to countering UAS threats.

21 “(4) Serving as the Department point of con-
22 tact for Federal, State, local, and Tribal law en-
23 forcement entities and the private sector regarding
24 the Department’s activities related to countering
25 UAS.

1 “(5) Carrying out other related UAS activities,
2 as directed by the Secretary.

3 “(b) COORDINATION WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL
4 LAWS.—The Coordinator shall, in addition to other as-
5 signed duties, coordinate with relevant Department com-
6 ponents and offices to ensure testing, evaluation, or de-
7 ployment of a system used to identify, assess, or defeat
8 a UAS is carried out in accordance with applicable Fed-
9 eral laws.

10 “(c) COORDINATION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR.—The
11 Coordinator shall, working with the Office of Partnership
12 and Engagement and other relevant Department offices
13 and components, or other Federal agencies, as appro-
14 priate, serve as the principal Department official respon-
15 sible for disseminating to the private sector information
16 regarding counter UAS technology, particularly informa-
17 tion regarding instances in which counter UAS technology
18 may impact lawful private sector services or systems.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
20 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
21 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
22 320 the following new item:

“Sec. 321. Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator.”.

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