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H. R. 4432

To require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a terrorism threat assessment relating to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RICHMOND (for himself and Mr. KATKO) 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 “Protecting Critical In-
5 frastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DRONE AND EMERGING THREAT ASSESSMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for

1 Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland
2 Security shall—

3 (1) in consultation with other relevant officials
4 of the Department, request additional information
5 from other agencies of the Federal Government,
6 State and local government agencies, and the private
7 sector relating to terrorism threats of unmanned air-
8 craft systems and other emerging terrorism threats
9 associated with such new technologies;

10 (2) in consultation with relevant officials of the
11 Department and other appropriate agencies of the
12 Federal Government, develop and disseminate a ter-
13 rorism threat assessment regarding unmanned air-
14 craft systems and other emerging terrorism threats
15 associated with such new technologies; and

16 (3) establish and utilize, in conjunction with the
17 Chief Information Officer of the Department and
18 other relevant entities, a secure communications and
19 information technology infrastructure, including
20 data-mining and other advanced analytical tools, in
21 order to access, receive, and analyze data and infor-
22 mation in furtherance of the responsibilities under
23 this section, including by establishing a voluntary
24 mechanism whereby critical infrastructure owners
25 and operators may report information on emerging

1 terrorism threats, such as the terrorism threat posed
2 by unmanned aircraft systems.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for In-
5 telligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland
6 Security shall prepare a terrorism threat assessment and
7 report to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
9 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate on
10 the terrorism threat posed by unmanned aircraft systems,
11 including terrorism information collected from critical in-
12 frastructure owners and operators and Federal, State, and
13 local government agencies.

14 (c) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION.—
15 Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States
16 Code, does not apply to this section.

17 (d) DEFINITIONS.—

18 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
19 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
20 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
21 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

22 (2) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term
23 “unmanned aircraft system” has the meaning given

1 such term in section 44801 of title 49, United
2 States Code.

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