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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1850

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 relating to
the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
5 **ORATORY.**

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

9 **“SEC. 322. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
10 **ORATORY.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
12 the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall
13 designate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an
14 additional laboratory pursuant to the authority under sec-
15 tion 308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and
16 evaluate emerging technologies and conduct research and
17 development to assist emergency response providers in
18 preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

19 “(b) LABORATORY DESCRIBED.—The laboratory de-
20 scribed in this subsection is the laboratory—

21 “(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of
22 this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-
23 nology Laboratory; and

24 “(2) transferred to the Department pursuant to
25 section 303(1)(E).

1 “(c) LABORATORY ACTIVITIES.—The National Urban
2 Security Technology Laboratory shall—

3 “(1) conduct tests, evaluations, and assess-
4 ments of current and emerging technologies, includ-
5 ing, as appropriate, the cybersecurity of such tech-
6 nologies that can connect to the internet, for emer-
7 gency response providers;

8 “(2) act as a technical advisor to emergency re-
9 sponse providers; and

10 “(3) carry out other such activities as the Sec-
11 retary determines appropriate.

12 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
13 tion may be construed as affecting in any manner the au-
14 thorities or responsibilities of the Countering Weapons of
15 Mass Destruction Office of the Department.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
17 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
18 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
19 321 the following new item:

“Sec. 322. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 20, 2021.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.