

HR 3493

Securing the Cities Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 24, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 21, 2015
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(Securing the Cities Act of 2015

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Director for Domestic Nuclear Detection to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas.

Under such program, the Director shall:

- assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in designing and implementing, or enhancing existing, architectures for coordinated and integrated detection and interdiction of nuclear or other radiological materials that are out of regulatory control;
- support the development of a region-wide operating capability to detect and report on nuclear and other radioactive materials out of operational control;
- provide resources to enhance detection, analysis, communication, and coordination to better integrate state, local, tribal, and territorial assets into federal operations;
- facilitate alarm adjudication and provide subject matter expertise and technical assistance on concepts of operations, training, exercises, and alarm response protocols;
- communicate with, and promote sharing of information about the presence or detection of nuclear or other radiological materials among, appropriate federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in a manner that ensures transparency; and
- designate participating jurisdictions from among high-risk urban areas and other cities and regions, as appropriate, and notify Congress at least three days before designating or changing such jurisdictions.

The Comptroller General is required to submit an assessment evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

(Sec. 3) This section requires the Director to report to Congress on the feasibility of developing model exercises to test the preparedness of jurisdictions participating in the program in meeting the challenges that may be posed by a range of nuclear and radiological threats.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 21, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-295.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 224.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Mr. Donovan moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6988-6989)
- **Oct 20, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3493.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7010)
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 4 (Roll no. 550). (text: CR H6988)
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 20, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 4 (Roll no. 550). (text: CR H6988)
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies.
- **Sep 11, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 11, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.