

HR 4627

Shielding Public Spaces from Vehicular Terrorism Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Dec 12, 2017
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Dec 12, 2017
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Dec 12, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 20, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 6, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include among the responsibilities of the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) research and development to combat emerging terrorist threats, including vehicular attacks.

The bill also includes demonstrated expertise in combating emerging terrorist threats, including vehicular attacks, among the criteria for the designation of colleges or universities as centers for homeland security.

(Sec. 3) The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall permit the recipient of a grant under the Urban Area Security Initiative or under the State Homeland Security Grant Program to use grant funds to address security vulnerabilities of public spaces, including through the installation of bollards and other target hardening activities. The bill prohibits the use of such grants for the provision to any person of a firearm or training in the use of a firearm.

(Sec. 4) DHS shall submit to the congressional homeland security committees a report on potential terrorism vulnerabilities relating to emerging automotive technologies that support driverless vehicles and the threat such vehicles may pose to people in public spaces. Such report shall also compare any public benefit of such vehicles against any vulnerabilities and threats.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 20, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jun 19, 2018:** Mr. Donovan moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 19, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5269-5271)
- **Jun 19, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4627.
- **Jun 19, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5269-5270)
- **Jun 19, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5269-5270)
- **Jun 19, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 14, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-757.
- **Jun 14, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 590.
- **Jun 6, 2018:** Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications Discharged.
- **Jun 6, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 6, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 3, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

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