

HR 6198

Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jun 22, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 7, 2018
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 17, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 24, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7213	Related bill	Dec 21, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-387.
115 HR 2825	Related bill	Nov 13, 2018: By Senator Johnson from Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs filed written report. Report No. 115-351.
115 HR 655	Related bill	Feb 1, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, headed by an Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall serve as the principal advisor to DHS on weapons of mass destruction matters and strategies, and on coordinating efforts to counter weapons of mass destruction.

The office shall coordinate DHS strategy and policy to plan, detect, and protect against the importation, possession, storage, transportation, development, or use of unauthorized chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials, devices, or agents.

The Assistant Secretary shall establish the Securing the Cities program 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.

The bill establishes in the office a Chief Medical Officer who shall serve as the principal advisor to DHS on medical and public health issues. The DHS Under Secretary for Management shall be responsible for workforce-focused health and medical activities of DHS.

DHS shall: (1) transfer to the office all personnel, budget authority, and assets of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office and the Office of Health Affairs; and (2) provide a briefing and report to Congress on DHS chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 12, 2018:** Mr. Donovan moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 12, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8113-8117)
- **Sep 12, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6198.
- **Sep 12, 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 H8113-8115)
- **Sep 12, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8113-8115)
- **Sep 12, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-923, Part I.
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 716.
- **Jul 24, 2018:** Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications Discharged.
- **Jul 24, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.
- **Jun 22, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.