HR 7213

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		Dec 3, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 11, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 11, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6198	Related bill	**Sep 17, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Dec 21, 2018)

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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.

DHS shall transfer to the office all personnel, budget authority, and assets of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office and the Office of Health Affairs.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-387.
- **Dec 19, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 18, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S7822)
- **Dec 18, 2018:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S7822)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Mr. Donovan asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security discharged.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H9804-9806)
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H9804-9806)
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- **Dec 10, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST - Mr. Donovan asked unanimous consent that an exchange of letters between the Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security be included in the Record. Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 3, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 3, 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.