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Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2020

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]

Party: Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2020

This bill reauthorizes the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Program of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for another five years. The CFATS program regulates high-risk chemical facilities to reduce the risk of terrorist attacks.

Among other requirements, DHS must

- issue a strategy to improve the cybersecurity of chemical facilities and the sharing of information with local emergency responders;
- prescribe regulations to establish the CFATS Recognition Program to enhance security of chemical facilities and provide incentives for greater regulatory relief;
- conduct a review every two years of audits and inspections and develop an official standard to evaluate the consistency of such audits and inspections;
- implement a Personnel Surety Program with respect to Tier 3 and Tier 4 facilities (currently, limited to Tier 1 [highest risk] and Tier 2);
- make information available to state, local, and regional fusion centers and state and local government officials, in a secure and expeditious manner; and
- implement a system under which an owner or operator of a chemical facility may request an informal consultation relating to a preliminary deficiency determination.

Actions Timeline

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