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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to streamline
the SAFETY Act and anti-terrorism technology procure-
ment processes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. STREAMLINING OF SAFETY ACT AND ANTI-TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT PROCESSES.**
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4 (a) **PERSONNEL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that, in addition to any personnel engaged in technical evaluations that may be appropriate, a sufficient number of full-time equivalent personnel, who are properly trained and qualified to apply legal, economic, and risk analyses, are involved in the review and prioritization of anti-terrorism technologies for the purpose of determining whether such technologies may be designated by the Secretary as qualified anti-terrorism technologies under section 862(b) of the SAFETY Act (6 U.S.C. 441(b)) or certified by the Secretary under section 863(d) of such Act (6 U.S.C. 442(d)).

16 (b) **COORDINATION WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

19 (1) establish a formal coordination process that includes the official of the Department of Homeland Security with primary responsibility for the implementation of the SAFETY Act, the Chief Procurement Officer of the Department, the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, the Under Secretary for Policy, and the Department of Homeland Security General Counsel to ensure the maximum

1 application of the litigation and risk management
2 provisions of the SAFETY Act to anti-terrorism
3 technologies procured by the Department; and

4 (2) promote awareness and utilization of the
5 litigation and risk management provisions of the
6 SAFETY Act in the procurement of anti-terrorism
7 technologies.

8 (c) ISSUANCE OF DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTIVE.—The
9 Secretary of Homeland Security shall, in accordance with
10 the final rule implementing the SAFETY Act, issue a De-
11 partmental management directive providing for coordina-
12 tion between Department procurement officials and any
13 other Department official responsible for implementing
14 the SAFETY Act in advance of any Department procure-
15 ment of an anti-terrorism technology, as required under
16 subsection (b).

Passed the House of Representatives January 23,
2007.

Attest:

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Clerk.