

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____

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In title V, at the end of subtitle D add the following:

1 **SEC. _____. SYSTEM ASSESSMENT AND VALIDATION FOR**
2 **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.**

3 The Under Secretary for Science and Technology of
4 the Department shall establish and maintain a program
5 for system assessment and validation of emergency re-
6 sponder equipment, which shall be known as the “SAVER
7 Program”. The Under Secretary shall ensure that such
8 program—

9 (1) conducts objective, impartial, practitioner-
10 relevant, and operationally oriented assessments and
11 validations of commercial emergency responder
12 equipment and systems;

13 (2) is supported by a network of technical enti-
14 ties that coordinate emergency responder participa-
15 tion to perform the assessment and validation activi-
16 ties using robust scientific and testing protocols;

17 (3) in coordination with the Administrator of
18 the Federal Emergency Management Agency, identi-
19 fies emergency responder equipment information
20 needs and prioritizes equipment to be assessed;

1 (4) provides quantitative results along with
2 other relevant equipment information to the emer-
3 gency response provider community in an operation-
4 ally useful form;

5 (5) provides information on equipment that
6 falls within the categories listed in the Department's
7 authorized equipment list;

8 (6) provides information that enables decision-
9 makers and responders to better select, procure, use,
10 and maintain emergency responder equipment; and

11 (7) shares such information nationally with the
12 emergency response provider community at the Fed-
13 eral, State, and local levels.

