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# H. R. 5346

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Agriculture, 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

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## A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Securing our Agri-  
3 culture and Food Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND VET-**  
5 **ERINARY DEFENSE AGAINST TERRORISM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Homeland Security  
7 Act of 2002 is amended by inserting after section 103 (6  
8 U.S.C. 113) the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 104. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECU-**  
10 **RITY FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS COORDINATION**  
11 **OF DEPARTMENT EFFORTS RELATED TO**  
12 **FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND VETERINARY DE-**  
13 **FENSE AGAINST TERRORISM.**

14 “(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Assistant Secretary  
15 for Health Affairs shall carry out a program to coordinate  
16 the Department’s efforts related to defending the food, ag-  
17 riculture, and veterinary systems against terrorism and  
18 other high-consequence events that pose a high risk to  
19 homeland security.

20 “(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The coordination pro-  
21 gram required by subsection (a) shall include, at a min-  
22 imum, the following:

23 “(1) Providing oversight and integration of the  
24 Department’s activities related to veterinary public  
25 health, food defense, and agricultural security.

1           “(2) Leading the Department’s policy initiatives  
2 relating to food, animal, and agricultural incidents,  
3 and the impact of such incidents on animal and pub-  
4 lic health.

5           “(3) Leading the Department’s policy initiatives  
6 relating to overall domestic preparedness for and col-  
7 lective response to agricultural terrorism.”.

8           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
9 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
10 U.S.C. 101 note) is amended by inserting after the item  
11 relating to section 103 the following new item:

“Sec. 104. Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs coordi-  
nation of Department efforts related to food, agriculture, and  
veterinary defense against terrorism.”.

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