

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. DAINES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Better Enabling Se-  
5 cure and Trustworthy Technology for the Homeland Act”  
6 or the “BEST Technology for the Homeland Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACQUISITION**

8 **PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION.**

9 Section 831 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
10 (6 U.S.C. 391) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
2 paragraph (1), by striking “September 30, 2024”  
3 and inserting “September 30, 2031”; and

4           (2) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding  
5 subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30,  
6 2024” and inserting “September 30, 2031”.