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# S. 72

To require that certain information relating to terrorism investigations be included in the NICS database, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Counterterror Alert  
5       Act of 2017”.

6       **SEC. 2. REPORTING OF TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS TO**  
7                               **NICS.**

8       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1           (1) the term “firearm” has the meaning given  
2 the term in section 921 of title 18, United States  
3 Code;

4           (2) the term “licensee” means a licensed im-  
5 porter, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer, as  
6 those terms are defined in section 921 of title 18,  
7 United States Code;

8           (3) the term “NICS” means the national in-  
9 stant criminal background check system established  
10 under section 103 of the Brady Handgun Violence  
11 Prevention Act (18 U.S.C. 922 note); and

12           (4) the term “terrorism” includes international  
13 terrorism and domestic terrorism, as defined in sec-  
14 tion 2331 of title 18, United States Code.

15       (b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN NICS.—Not  
16 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
17 the Attorney General shall establish a process to ensure  
18 that if any person has been or is under a terrorism inves-  
19 tigation conducted by the Department of Justice or any  
20 other department or agency of the Federal Government,  
21 information about such terrorism investigation of the per-  
22 son shall be included in the NICS database.

23       (c) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION.—The head of  
24 each department or agency of the Federal Government  
25 that has information about a person who has been or is

1 under a terrorism investigation conducted by the depart-  
2 ment or agency shall provide such information to the At-  
3 torney General for inclusion in the NICS database under  
4 subsection (b).

5 (d) NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVES-  
6 TIGATION.—If a licensee contacts NICS to request a  
7 unique identification number for the transfer of a firearm  
8 to a prospective purchaser under section 922(t) of title  
9 18, United States Code, and the prospective purchaser is  
10 a person who has been or is under a terrorism investiga-  
11 tion conducted by the Department of Justice or any other  
12 department or agency of the Federal Government, NICS  
13 shall notify the appropriate division of the Federal Bureau  
14 of Investigation of the request and pending firearm trans-  
15 fer.

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