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To improve airport screening and security.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Homeland Security

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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 “Guaranteeing Airport  
5 Physical Screening Standards Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PERIMETER SECURITY AND ACCESS**

7 **CONTROL THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE**  
8 **SCREENING OF AIRPORT WORKERS.**

9 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 120 days after  
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary  
11 of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Adminis-  
12 tration) shall implement a pilot program at 5 commercial

1 service airports to physically screen all airport workers  
2 with access to secure and sterile areas of the airport.

3 (b) PARTICIPATING AIRPORTS.—At least 2 of the air-  
4 ports participating in the pilot program shall be large hub  
5 airports (as defined in section 40102 of title 49, United  
6 States Code). Each of the remaining airports participating  
7 in the pilot program shall represent a different airport se-  
8 curity risk category (as defined by the Assistant Sec-  
9 retary).

10 (c) SCREENING STANDARDS.—Screening for airport  
11 workers under the pilot program shall be conducted under  
12 the same standards as apply to individuals at airport secu-  
13 rity screening checkpoints, and shall be carried out by con-  
14 tract screeners at a minimum of 2 airports.

15 (d) DURATION.—The pilot program shall be carried  
16 out for a period of not less than 180 days.

17 (e) REPORT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
19 the last day of the pilot program, the Assistant Sec-  
20 retary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland  
21 Security of the House of Representatives and the  
22 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
23 tation of the Senate a report on the results of the  
24 pilot program.

1           (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall contain, at a  
2           minimum, the following:

3                   (A) An assessment of the impact of phys-  
4                   ically screening all airport workers with access  
5                   to secure and sterile airport areas on screening  
6                   and logistical resources.

7                   (B) An assessment of the security improve-  
8                   ments that are achieved from comprehensively  
9                   screening such workers.

10                   (C) An assessment of the costs of com-  
11                   prehensively screening such workers.

12           (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13           are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
14           necessary to carry out this section.

15   **SEC. 3. SECURED AREAS OF AIRPORTS.**

16           (a) IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVED AIRPORT PE-  
17           RIMETER ACCESS SECURITY.—Not later than 1 year after  
18           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-  
19           retary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Ad-  
20           ministration) shall issue regulations, directives, or other  
21           appropriate measures to implement the requirements of  
22           section 44903(h)(4) of title 49, United States Code.

23           (b) AIRPORT SECURITY PLANS.—The Assistant Sec-  
24           retary shall set a schedule for requiring airports to update  
25           their airport security plans to comply with the require-

1 ments of section 44903(h)(4) not later than 3 years after  
2 the issuance of the regulations, directives, or other meas-  
3 ures required under subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 4. HIRING OF SCREENERS.**

5 (a) NUMBER OF SCREENERS.—Notwithstanding any  
6 other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
7 may hire the number of passenger and baggage screeners  
8 that the Secretary determines necessary to ensure aviation  
9 security.

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
11 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
12 necessary to carry out this section.

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