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To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to issue regulations establishing security standards for foreign repair stations performing maintenance for aircraft used to provide air transportation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2007

Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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. REPAIR STATION SECURITY.**

4 (a) SECURITY STANDARDS.—Section 44924 of title
5 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

1 “(h) SECURITY STANDARDS.—

2 “(1) APPLICABILITY OF SECURITY STANDARDS
3 TO MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED AT AIRCRAFT
4 REPAIR STATIONS.—In issuing the regulations under
5 subsection (f), the Assistant Secretary shall ensure
6 that comparable security standards apply to mainte-
7 nance work performed by employees of air carriers
8 under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-
9 tions, and maintenance work performed by employ-
10 ees of repair stations certified under part 145 of
11 that title.

12 “(2) EMPLOYMENT INVESTIGATIONS AND RE-
13 STRICTIONS.—The regulations shall ensure that an
14 individual employed in a position at a repair station
15 certified under part 145 of title 14, Code of Regula-
16 tions, in which the individual performs maintenance
17 of aircraft used to provide air transportation is sub-
18 ject the employment requirements and restrictions of
19 section 44936 in the same manner as an individual
20 in a position described in section 44936(a)(1).

21 “(i) FAILURE TO MEET REGULATION DEADLINE.—
22 If the Assistant Secretary does not issue final regulations
23 under subsection (f) on or before the 60th day following
24 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Assistant
25 Secretary shall issue an order prohibiting the use, after

1 such 60th day, of foreign repair stations certified under
2 part 145 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, for the
3 maintenance of aircraft used to provide air transportation,
4 except in the case of an emergency. The Assistant Sec-
5 retary may revoke the order after the date of issuance of
6 such regulations.”.

7 (b) 9-MONTH DEADLINE FOR SECURITY REVIEW
8 AND AUDIT.—Subsections (a) and (d) of section 44924
9 of such title are amended by striking “18 months” and
10 inserting “9 months”.

11 (c) REFERENCES TO UNDER SECRETARY.—Section
12 44924 of such title is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “Under Sec-
14 retary for Border and Transportation Security of
15 the Department of Homeland Security” and insert-
16 ing “Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security
17 (Transportation Security Administration)”; and

18 (2) by striking “Under Secretary” each place it
19 appears and inserting “Assistant Secretary”.

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