

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 966

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## AN ACT

To enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

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 “Passport Backlog Re-  
3 duction Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. REEMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ANNU-**  
5 **ITANTS.**

6       Section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980  
7 (22 U.S.C. 4064(g)) is amended—

8           (1) in paragraph (1)—

9               (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
10 or” and inserting a semicolon;

11            (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
12 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

13            (C) by adding at the end the following new  
14 subparagraph—

15            “(C)(i) to provide assistance to consular posts  
16 with a substantial backlog of visa applications; or

17            “(ii) to provide assistance to meet the demand  
18 resulting from the passport and travel document re-  
19 quirements set forth in section 7209(b) of the Intel-  
20 ligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of  
21 2004 (Public Law 108–458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note).”;

22            (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
23 graph (4); and

24            (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
25 lowing new paragraph:

1       “(3) The authority of the Secretary to waive the ap-  
2 plication of subsections (a) through (d) for an annuitant  
3 pursuant to paragraph (1)(C) shall terminate on Sep-  
4 tember 30, 2010.”.

Passed the Senate June 29, 2007.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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