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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 966****[Report No. 110–109]**

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 2007

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. BIDEN) in-
troduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Com-
mittee on Foreign Relations

JUNE 27, 2007

Reported by Mr. BIDEN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

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purposes.

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 “Department of State~~
5 ~~Crisis Response Act of 2007”.~~

1 **SEC. 2. REEMPLOYMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE ANNUITANTS.**

2 Section 61(a) of the State Department Basic Au-
 3 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2733(a)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “To facilitate”
 5 and all that follows through “, the Secretary” and
 6 inserting “The Secretary”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “2008” and
 8 inserting “2010”.

9 **SEC. 3. REEMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ANNU-**
 10 **ITANTS.**

11 Section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
 12 (22 U.S.C. 4064(g)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “to facili-
 14 tate” and all that follows through “Afghanistan,”;
 15 and

16 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “2008” and
 17 inserting “2010”.

18 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

19 *This Act may be cited as the “Passport Backlog Reduc-*
 20 *tion Act of 2007”.*

21 **SEC. 2. REEMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ANNU-**
 22 **ITANTS.**

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

25 (1) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph—

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

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

14 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
15 graph (4); and

16 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
17 lowing new paragraph:

18 “(3) The authority of the Secretary to waive the appli-
19 cation of subsections (a) through (d) for an annuitant pur-
20 suant to paragraph (1)(C) shall terminate on September
21 30, 2010.”.

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