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To authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “No-Hassle Flying Act
5 of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRECLEARANCE AIRPORTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44901(d) of title 49,
3 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
4 following new paragraph:

5 “(4) PRECLEARANCE AIRPORTS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For a flight or flight
7 segment originating at an airport outside the
8 United States and traveling to the United
9 States with respect to which checked baggage
10 has been screened in accordance with an avia-
11 tion security preclearance agreement between
12 the United States and the country in which
13 such airport is located, the Assistant Secretary
14 (Transportation Security Administration) may,
15 in coordination with U.S. Customs and Border
16 Protection, determine whether such baggage
17 must be re-screened in the United States by an
18 explosives detection system before such baggage
19 continues on any additional flight or flight seg-
20 ment.

21 “(B) AVIATION SECURITY PRECLEARANCE
22 AGREEMENT DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the
23 term ‘aviation security preclearance agreement’
24 means an agreement that delineates and imple-
25 ments security standards and protocols that are
26 determined by the Assistant Secretary, in co-

1 ordination with U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
2 tection, to be comparable to those of the United
3 States and therefore sufficiently effective to en-
4 able passengers to deplane into sterile areas of
5 airports in the United States.

6 “(C) REPORT.—The Assistant Secretary
7 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
8 Security of the House of Representatives and
9 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
10 Transportation of the Senate an annual report
11 on the re-screening of baggage under this para-
12 graph. Each such report shall include the fol-
13 lowing for the year covered by the report:

14 “(i) A list of airports outside the
15 United States from which a flight or flight
16 segment traveled to the United States for
17 which the Assistant Secretary determined,
18 in accordance with the authority under
19 subparagraph (A), that checked baggage
20 was not required to be re-screened in the
21 United States by an explosive detection
22 system before such baggage continued on
23 an additional flight or flight segment.

1 “(ii) The amount of Federal savings
2 generated from the exercise of such au-
3 thority.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 44901 of
5 title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “ex-
6 plosive” each place it appears and inserting “explosives”.

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