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H. R. 2750

To reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Miss RICE of New York, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improved Security Vet-
5 ting for Aviation Workers Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. AVIATION SECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XVI of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 561 et seq.)

1 is amended by adding after section 1601 the following new
2 section:

3 **“SEC. 1602. VETTING OF AVIATION WORKERS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—By not later than December 31,
5 2015, the Administrator shall coordinate with the Sec-
6 retary and the Interagency Policy Committee to determine
7 whether the Administrator should receive additional Ter-
8 rorist Identities Datamart Environment (TIDE) data or
9 other terrorism related category codes to assist in the Ad-
10 ministration’s credential vetting program for individuals
11 with access to sensitive areas of airports.

12 “(b) SECURITY INSPECTION.—By not later than De-
13 cember 31, 2015, the Administrator shall issue guidance
14 for Transportation Security Inspectors to annually review
15 airport badging office procedures for applicants seeking
16 access to sensitive areas of airports. Such guidance shall
17 include a comprehensive review of applicants’ Criminal
18 History Records Check (CHRC) and work authorization
19 documentation during the course of an inspection.

20 “(c) INFORMATION SHARING.—By not later than De-
21 cember 31, 2015, the Administrator shall coordinate with
22 the Secretary and consult with the Federal Bureau of In-
23 vestigation to conduct a pilot program of the Rap Back
24 Service to determine the feasibility of full implementation

1 of such Service across eligible Administration regulated
2 populations.

3 “(d) CREDENTIAL SECURITY.—By not later than
4 September 30, 2015, the Administrator shall issue guid-
5 ance to airports mandating that all federalized airport
6 badging authorities place an expiration date on airport
7 credentials commensurate with the period of time during
8 which an individual is lawfully authorized to work in the
9 United States.

10 “(e) AVIATION WORKER LAWFUL STATUS.—By not
11 later than December 31, 2015, the Administrator shall re-
12 view the denial of credentials due to issues associated with
13 determining an applicant’s lawful status in order to iden-
14 tify airports with specific weaknesses and shall coordinate
15 with such airports to mutually address such weaknesses,
16 as appropriate.

17 “(f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Upon completion of
18 the determinations and reviews required under this sec-
19 tion, the Administrator shall brief the Committee on
20 Homeland Security and the Committee on Transportation
21 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
22 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
23 Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
24 Transportation of the Senate on the results of such deter-
25 minations and reviews.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-
3 serting after the item relating to section 1601 the fol-
4 lowing new item:

“Sec. 1602. Vetting of aviation workers.”.

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