

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5729

AN ACT

To restrict the department in which the Coast Guard is operating from implementing any rule requiring the use of biometric readers for biometric transportation security cards until after submission to Congress of the results of an assessment of the effectiveness of the transportation security card program.

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 “Transportation Worker
3 Identification Credential Accountability Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPOR-**
5 **TATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDEN-**
6 **TIAL BIOMETRIC READER RULE.**

7 The department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
8 ating may not implement the rule entitled “Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)–Reader
9 Requirements” (81 Fed. Reg. 57651), and may not pro-
10 pose or issue a notice of proposed rulemaking for any revi-
11 sion to such rule except to extend its effective date, or
12 for any other rule requiring the use of biometric readers
13 for biometric transportation security cards under section
14 70105(k)(3) of title 46, United States Code, before the
15 end of the 60-day period beginning on the date of the sub-
16 mission under paragraph (5) of section 1(b) of Public Law
17 114–278 (130 Stat. 1411 to 1412) of the results of the
18 assessment required by that section.

19 **SEC. 3. PROGRESS UPDATES.**

20 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter until the
22 submission under paragraph (5) of section 1(b) of Public
23 Law 114–278 (130 Stat. 1411 et seq.) of the results of
24 the assessment required by that section, the Secretary of
25 Homeland Security shall report to the Committee on
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1 Homeland Security and the Committee on Transportation
2 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
3 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
4 of the Senate regarding the implementation of that sec-
5 tion.

Passed the House of Representatives July 10, 2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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