

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 504

AN ACT

To permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic
Cooperation Business Travel 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 “Asia-Pacific Economic
3 Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS**
5 **TRAVEL CARDS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title IV of the
7 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 211 et seq.)
8 is amended by inserting after section 417 the following:

9 **“SEC. 418. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSI-**
10 **NESS TRAVEL CARDS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of U.S. Cus-
12 toms and Border Protection is authorized to issue an Asia-
13 Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card (re-
14 ferred to in this section as an ‘ABT Card’) to any indi-
15 vidual described in subsection (b).

16 “(b) CARD ISSUANCE.—An individual described in
17 this subsection is an individual who—

18 “(1) is a citizen of the United States;

19 “(2) has been approved and is in good standing
20 in an existing international trusted traveler program
21 of the Department; and

22 “(3) is—

23 “(A) engaged in business in the Asia-Pa-
24 cific region, as determined by the Commissioner
25 of U.S. Customs and Border Protection; or

1 “(B) a United States Government official
2 actively engaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Co-
3 operation business, as determined by the Com-
4 missioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
5 tion.

6 “(c) INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PRO-
7 GRAMS.—The Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border
8 Protection shall integrate application procedures for, and
9 issuance, renewal, and revocation of, ABT Cards with ex-
10 isting international trusted traveler programs of the De-
11 partment.

12 “(d) COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES AND
13 NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.—In carrying out
14 this section, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Bor-
15 der Protection may consult with appropriate private sector
16 entities and nongovernmental organizations, including
17 academic institutions.

18 “(e) FEE.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of U.S.
20 Customs and Border Protection shall—

21 “(A) prescribe and collect a fee for the
22 issuance and renewal of ABT Cards; and

23 “(B) adjust such fee to the extent the
24 Commissioner determines necessary to comply
25 with paragraph (2).

1 “(2) LIMITATION.—The Commissioner of U.S.
2 Customs and Border Protection shall ensure that
3 the total amount of the fees collected under para-
4 graph (1) during any fiscal year is sufficient to off-
5 set the direct and indirect costs associated with car-
6 rying out this section during such fiscal year, includ-
7 ing the costs associated with operating and main-
8 taining the ABT Card issuance and renewal proc-
9 esses.

10 “(3) ACCOUNT FOR COLLECTIONS.—There is
11 established in the Treasury of the United States an
12 ‘Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel
13 Card Account’ into which the fees collected under
14 paragraph (1) shall be deposited as offsetting re-
15 ceipts.

16 “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into
17 the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Business
18 Travel Card Account established under paragraph
19 (3) shall—

20 “(A) be credited to the appropriate ac-
21 count of the U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
22 tion for expenses incurred in carrying out this
23 section; and

24 “(B) remain available until expended.

1 “(f) NOTIFICATION.—The Commissioner of U.S.
2 Customs and Border Protection shall notify the Com-
3 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
4 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
5 ernmental Affairs of the Senate not later than 60 days
6 after the expenditures of funds to operate and provide
7 ABT Card services beyond the amounts collected under
8 subsection (e)(1).

9 “(g) TRUSTED TRAVELER PROGRAM DEFINED.—In
10 this section, the term ‘trusted traveler program’ means a
11 voluntary program of the Department that allows U.S.
12 Customs and Border Protection to expedite clearance of
13 pre-approved, low-risk travelers arriving in the United
14 States.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
16 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
17 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
18 417 the following new item:

“Sec. 418. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards.”.

19 **SEC. 3. ACCOUNT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the repeal of the
21 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards
22 Act of 2011 (Public Law 112–54; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note)
23 pursuant to section 4(b)(1), amounts deposited into the
24 APEC Business Travel Card Account established pursu-
25 ant to such Act as of the date of the enactment of this

1 Act are hereby transferred to the Asia-Pacific Economic
2 Cooperation Business Travel Card Account established
3 pursuant to section 418(e) of the Homeland Security Act
4 of 2002 (as added by section 2(a) of this Act), and shall
5 be available without regard to whether such amounts are
6 expended in connection with expenses incurred with re-
7 spect to an ABT Card issued at any time before or after
8 such date of enactment.

9 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts deposited in the Asia-
10 Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Ac-
11 count established pursuant to section 418(e) of the Home-
12 land Security Act of 2002, in addition to the purposes for
13 which such amounts are available pursuant to such sub-
14 section, shall also be available for expenditure in connec-
15 tion with expenses incurred with respect to ABT Cards
16 issued at any time before the date of the enactment of
17 such section.

18 (c) TERMINATION.—After the completion of the
19 transfer described in subsection (a), the Asia-Pacific Eco-
20 nomic Cooperation Business Travel Card Account estab-
21 lished pursuant to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
22 Business Travel Cards Act of 2011 shall be closed.

1 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS AND REPEAL.**

2 (a) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 411(c) of
3 section 411 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
4 U.S.C. 211(c)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (17), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) by redesignating paragraph (18) as para-
8 graph (19); and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (17) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(18) carry out section 418, relating to the
12 issuance of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Busi-
13 ness Travel Cards; and”.

14 (b) REPEAL.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Asia-Pacific Economic
16 Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011
17 (Public Law 112–54; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note) is re-
18 pealed.

19 (2) SAVING CLAUSE.—Notwithstanding the re-
20 peal under paragraph (1), an ABT Card issued pur-
21 suant to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
22 Business Travel Cards Act of 2011 before the date
23 of the enactment of this Act that, as of such date,
24 is still valid, shall remain valid on and after such

1 date until such time as such Card would otherwise
2 expire.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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