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S. 1373

To require the United States Postal Service to enter into an agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to train employees of the Postal Service to identify illicit packages.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2019

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Search Now, Inspect
5 For Fentanyl Act of 2019” or the “SNIFF Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE EM-**
2 **PLOYEES TO IDENTIFY ILLICIT PACKAGES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 417. Training employees to identify illicit packages**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8 “(1) the term ‘covered package’ means a pack-
9 age that—

10 “(A) originated outside the United States;

11 and

12 “(B) is addressed to a location within the
13 United States; and

14 “(2) the term ‘United States’ includes any ter-
15 ritory or possession of the United States.

16 “(b) TRAINING.—The Postal Service shall enter into
17 an agreement with the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and
18 Border Protection under which U.S. Customs and Border
19 Protection provides enhanced training to each employee
20 of the Postal Service who works at an international service
21 center that processes inbound international mail to enable
22 the employee to—

23 “(1) identify covered packages in which the em-
24 ployee may have reasonable cause to suspect there is
25 merchandise that was imported contrary to law, in-

1 cluding matter that is nonmailable under section
2 3001; and

3 “(2) alert U.S. Customs and Border Protection
4 to each covered package identified under paragraph
5 (1) so that an employee of U.S. Customs and Border
6 Protection may search the covered package.”.

7 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
8 The table of sections for chapter 4 of title 39, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

“417. Training employees to identify illicit packages.”.

11 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 are authorized to be appropriated to U.S. Customs and
13 Border Protection such sums as may be necessary to pro-
14 vide the training described in section 417(b) of title 39,
15 United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

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