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[Report No. 116–276]

To amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to conduct a telework travel expenses program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 1, 2020

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

OCTOBER 1, 2020

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, without amendment

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Telework for U.S. In-
3 novation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TELEWORK TRAVEL EXPENSES PROGRAM OF THE**
5 **UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK**
6 **OFFICE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5711 of title 5, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**test**”;

10 (2) in subsection (f)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
13 graph (A), by striking “committee” and in-
14 serting “committees”; and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
16 “Government”;

17 (B) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) by striking “test”; and

19 (ii) by striking “section , including the
20 provision of reports in accordance with
21 subsection (d)(1)” and inserting “sub-
22 section”;

23 (C) in paragraph (4)(B), in the matter
24 preceding clause (i), by inserting “and main-
25 tain” after “develop”; and

26 (D) in paragraph (5)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “test”; and

3 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
4 inserting the following:

5 “(B) The Director of the Patent and Trademark Of-
6 fice shall prepare and submit to the appropriate commit-
7 tees of Congress an annual report on the operation of the
8 program under this subsection, which shall include—

9 “(i) the costs and benefits of the program; and

10 “(ii) an analysis of the effectiveness of the pro-
11 gram, as determined under criteria developed by the
12 Director.”; and

13 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “this section”
14 and inserting “subsection (b)”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
16 The table of sections for subchapter I of chapter 57 of
17 title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the
18 item relating to section 5711 and inserting the following:

“5711. Authority for telework travel expenses programs.”.

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