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H. R. 7217

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to award grants to State and Tribal governments to facilitate the placement of disability identifier symbols on certain identification cards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG (for herself and Ms. STRICKLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to award grants to State and Tribal governments to facilitate the placement of disability identifier symbols on certain identification cards, 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 “Disability ID Act of
5 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISABILITY IDENTIFIER SYMBOLS ON IDENTIFICA-**
2 **TION CARDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation shall establish a grant program to award, on a com-
6 petitive basis, grants to covered entities to carry out pro-
7 grams that allow an individual with an eligible disability
8 to have a disability identifier symbol placed on an identi-
9 fication card of such individual.

10 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
11 this section, a covered entity shall submit to the Secretary
12 an application in such form, at such time, and containing
13 such information as the Secretary determines appropriate.

14 (c) GRANT USES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—A covered entity may use
16 grant funds awarded under this section only for ex-
17 penses, as determined necessary by the Secretary, to
18 carry out a program that—

19 (A) is established not later than 1 year
20 after the date on which such funds are award-
21 ed;

22 (B) upon the request of an individual and
23 the presentation of a signed affirmation by a
24 qualified professional that such individual has
25 an eligible disability, places, at no cost to such

1 individual, a disability identifier symbol on an
2 identification card issued to such individual;

3 (C) upon the request of an individual, re-
4 moves, at no cost to such individual, such sym-
5 bol from an identification card of such indi-
6 vidual; and

7 (D) provides first responders with—

8 (i) notification that—

9 (I) the presence of such symbol
10 on an identification card indicates
11 that the cardholder has a disability;
12 and

13 (II) the absence of such symbol
14 from an identification card does not
15 indicate that the cardholder does not
16 have a disability;

17 (ii) training to assist first respond-
18 ers—

19 (I) to recognize individuals with
20 disabilities; and

21 (II) to interact appropriately with
22 such individuals; and

23 (iii) information on—

24 (I) resources available to individ-
25 uals with disabilities;

1 (II) resources available to those
2 interacting with such individuals; and
3 (III) the requirements of the
4 Americans with Disabilities Act of
5 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

6 (2) DISABILITY IDENTIFIER SYMBOL.—Not
7 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of
8 this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the In-
9 visible Disabilities Association, shall designate for
10 use by a covered entity awarded a grant under this
11 section a disability identifier symbol that is discreet
12 in appearance and has proportions similar to those
13 of symbols placed on identification cards to indicate
14 organ donor status.

15 (d) GRANT LIMITATIONS.—

16 (1) AMOUNT.—The Secretary may not award a
17 grant under this section in an amount that exceeds
18 \$200,000.

19 (2) FEDERAL SHARE.—

20 (A) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share
21 of the costs of a program carried out with a
22 grant awarded under this section may not ex-
23 ceed 75 percent.

1 (B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) does
2 not apply to a grant awarded to a Tribal gov-
3 ernment.

4 (e) REPORTS.—

5 (1) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—Not later than
6 180 days after the date on which the Secretary
7 awards the first grant under this section, the Sec-
8 retary shall submit to Congress a report on the pro-
9 grams carried out by covered entities with grants
10 awarded under this section, including information on
11 the following for each such program:

12 (A) The number of applications submitted
13 for identification cards with a disability identi-
14 fier symbol.

15 (B) The number of identification cards
16 issued with a disability identifier symbol.

17 (C) The costs of the program.

18 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 3 years
19 after the date on which the Secretary awards the
20 first grant under this section, the Secretary shall
21 submit to Congress and make available on the
22 website of the Department of Transportation a re-
23 port on the programs carried out by covered entities
24 with grants awarded under this section, including in-
25 formation on the following for each such program:

1 (A) The number of applications submitted
2 for identification cards with a disability identi-
3 fier symbol.

4 (B) The number of identification cards
5 issued with a disability identifier symbol.

6 (C) The costs of the program.

7 (D) The best practices of each such cov-
8 ered entity and the impact of such program.

9 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
11 tity” means a State or Tribal government.

12 (2) ELIGIBLE DISABILITY.—The term “eligible
13 disability” has the meaning given the term “dis-
14 ability” in section 3 of the Americans with Disabil-
15 ities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102).

16 (3) FIRST RESPONDER.—The term “first re-
17 sponder” means an individual with job duties related
18 to emergency response, including emergency medical
19 technicians, firefighters, and law enforcement offi-
20 cers.

21 (4) IDENTIFICATION CARD.—The term “identi-
22 fication card” means a personal identification card,
23 as such term is defined in section 1028(d) of title
24 18, United States Code, or a motor vehicle opera-

1 tor’s license, as such term is defined in section
2 30301 of title 49, United States Code.

3 (5) QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL.—The term
4 “qualified professional” means—

5 (A) a physician;

6 (B) a physician assistant;

7 (C) a mental health professional;

8 (D) an advanced practice nurse;

9 (E) an individual with a master’s degree in
10 rehabilitation counseling; and

11 (F) any other professional determined ap-
12 propriate by the Secretary of Transportation.

13 (6) STATE.—The term “State” means each
14 State, the District of Columbia, and each common-
15 wealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

16 (7) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “Tribal
17 government” means the government of any Indian
18 or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village,
19 community, component band, or component reserva-
20 tion, individually identified (including parentheti-
21 cally) in the list published most recently as of March
22 11, 2021, pursuant to section 104 of the Federally
23 Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25
24 U.S.C. 5131).

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