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To require the Transportation Security Administration to standardize the enrollment process for individuals applying for multiple TSA security threat assessment programs, including the TWIC, HAZMAT Endorsement, and TSA PreCheck programs of the Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “TSA Security Threat
5 Assessment Application Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDIZATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CER-**
2 **TAIN PROGRAMS OF THE TRANSPORTATION**
3 **SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) STANDARDIZATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
6 Transportation Security Administration (in this sec-
7 tion referred to as the “TSA”) shall take such ac-
8 tions as are necessary to standardize the enrollment
9 and renewal system for individuals applying for or
10 renewing enrollment in more than one TSA security
11 threat assessment program, including the TWIC,
12 HAZMAT Endorsement, and TSA PreCheck pro-
13 grams (or any related successor programs), to per-
14 mit an individual to—

15 (A) except as provided in paragraph (3),
16 enroll at any TSA enrollment center once and
17 use the application, as well as the application
18 generated by TSA’s vetting for one of such pro-
19 grams to enroll in 2 or more of such programs;

20 (B) apply successful, valid clearance re-
21 sults from a TSA security threat assessment,
22 including criminal history information, to sat-
23 isfy vetting requirements for participation in
24 any TSA security threat assessment program;
25 and

1 (C) undergo a streamlined and expeditious
2 renewal process.

3 (2) STREAMLINING.—In carrying out paragraph
4 (1)(B), the Administrator of the TSA shall—

5 (A) align the expiration of an individual’s
6 successful, valid clearance results with the expi-
7 ration of that individual’s eligibility to partici-
8 pate in TSA security threat assessment pro-
9 grams;

10 (B) provide to States the expiration dates
11 for the enrollment of individuals in TSA secu-
12 rity threat assessment programs to ensure that
13 the commercial driver’s license of an individual
14 who holds a HAZMAT Endorsement does not
15 indicate that the individual is authorized to
16 transport hazardous materials after the expira-
17 tion date of the enrollment of the individual in
18 the HAZMAT Endorsement security threat as-
19 sessment program if the commercial driver’s li-
20 cense has an expiration date that is different
21 from the expiration date of such enrollment;
22 and

23 (C) enroll an individual in a second or sub-
24 sequent TSA security threat assessment pro-
25 gram at the minimum cost necessary for the

1 TSA to cover printing costs and costs associ-
2 ated with the collection of additional biometric
3 and biographic data required under paragraph
4 (3).

5 (3) SPECIAL RULE.—If an individual under
6 subsection (a) is at different times applying for or
7 renewing enrollment in more than one TSA security
8 threat assessment program, such individual may be
9 required to revisit any TSA enrollment center for
10 the collection of additional data, such as biometrics,
11 necessary for any such program that were not so col-
12 lected in connection with any other such program.

13 (b) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator of the TSA
14 shall post on a publicly available website of the TSA infor-
15 mation relating to the standardization of the enrollment
16 system for individuals applying for multiple TSA security
17 threat assessment programs described in subsection (a).

18 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
20 the TSA shall brief Congress on progress made toward
21 the implementation of this section.

22 (d) DEADLINE.—Not later than 2 years after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
24 the TSA shall complete the standardization of the enroll-
25 ment and renewal system for individuals applying for or

1 renewing enrollment in multiple TSA security threat as-
2 sessment programs described in subsection (a).

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) HAZMAT ENDORSEMENT.—The term
5 “HAZMAT Endorsement” means a hazardous mate-
6 rials endorsement on a commercial driver’s license
7 issued by a State under section 5103a of title 49,
8 United States Code.

9 (2) TSA PRECHECK.—The term “TSA
10 PreCheck” means the trusted traveler program of
11 the Transportation Security Administration under
12 section 109(a)(3) of the Aviation and Transportation
13 Security Act (Public Law 107–71; 49 U.S.C. 114
14 note) and section 44919 of title 49, United States
15 Code.

16 (3) TWIC.—The term “TWIC” means a valid
17 transportation security card issued by the Secretary
18 of the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
19 ating under section 70105 of title 46, United States
20 Code.

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