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H. R. 1307

To amend title 39, United States Code, to require mail-in ballots to use the Postal Service barcode service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Vote by Mail Tracking
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAIL-IN BALLOTS AND POSTAL SERVICE BARCODE**
7 **SERVICE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3001 of title 39, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(p) Any ballot sent within the United States for an
2 election for Federal office is nonmailable and shall not be
3 carried or delivered by mail unless the ballot is mailed in
4 an envelope that—

5 “(1) contains a Postal Service barcode (or suc-
6 cessive service or marking) that enables tracking of
7 each individual ballot;

8 “(2) satisfies requirements for ballot envelope
9 design that the Postal Service may promulgate by
10 regulation;

11 “(3) satisfies requirements for machineable let-
12 ters that the Postal Service may promulgate by reg-
13 ulation; and

14 “(4) includes the Official Election Mail Logo
15 (or any successor label that the Postal Service may
16 establish for ballots).”.

17 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
18 section (a) shall apply to any election for Federal office
19 occurring after the date of enactment of this Act.

20 (c) REIMBURSEMENT TO STATES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Government
22 shall reimburse each State (including the District of
23 Columbia and any territory or possession of the
24 United States) for the cost of using the Postal Serv-
25 ice barcode service as required under subsection (p)

1 of section 3001 of title 39, United States Code, as
2 added by subsection (a).

3 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
5 year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter such sums
6 as may be necessary, to be derived from the general
7 fund of the Treasury, for reimbursing States for
8 such cost.

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