

HR 2750

Improved Security Vetting for Aviation Workers Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jun 18, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 28, 2015
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 16, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6381	Related bill	Dec 16, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
114 HR 3584	Related bill	Feb 24, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), by December 31, 2015, in coordination with the DHS Assistant Secretary for Policy, to request from the Director of National Intelligence access to additional data from the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment data and any or other terrorism-related information to improve the effectiveness of TSA's credential vetting program for individuals with unescorted access to sensitive areas of airports.

The TSA, by the same deadline, shall:

- issue guidance for Transportation Security Inspectors to review annually airport badging office procedures for applicants seeking access to sensitive airport areas, including a comprehensive review of applicants' Criminal History Records Check and work authorization documentation during the course of an inspection;
- issue guidance to airports requiring that all federalized airport badging authorities place an expiration date on airport credentials commensurate with the period of time during which an individual is lawfully authorized to work in the United States; and
- review the denial of credentials owing to an applicants's lawful status in order to identify airports with specific weaknesses and coordinate with them to address such weaknesses.

The TSA may conduct a Rap Back Service pilot program, in coordination with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to determine the feasibility of full implementation of a service through which the TSA would be notified of a change in status of an individual holding a valid credential granting unescorted access to sensitive airport areas across eligible TSA-regulated populations. (The FBI Rap Back Service notifies authorized agencies of criminal, and, in limited cases, civil activity of individuals that occurs after the initial processing and retention of criminal or civil transactions.)

Certain pilot program procedures are prescribed regarding notification only of a change with respect to a disqualifying offense under the credential vetting program.

(Sec. 3) The TSA, within 60 days after enactment of this Act, shall report to Congress on the status of plans to conduct the Rap Back Service pilot program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-227.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 172.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Mr. Katko moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5497-5499)
- **Jul 27, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2750.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5497-5498)
- **Jul 27, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5497-5498)
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 16, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 16, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 15, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security.
- **Jun 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 12, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.