

S 1208

Strengthening the Department of Homeland Security Secure Mail Initiative Act

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 23, 2017
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		May 23, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 16, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3478	Related bill	Sep 18, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 2595	Identical bill	Dec 12, 2017: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on October 16, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide for an option under which a person to whom a document is sent under the Secure Mail Initiative may elect to have the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) use the Hold for Pickup service or the Signature Confirmation service in delivering the document.

DHS shall require payment of a fee for such services, which shall be deposited into the Immigration Examinations Fee Account and used to cover DHS and USPS costs of providing such services. The USPS: (1) may promulgate regulations that minimize such costs and do not require it to incur additional expenses that are not recoverable, and (2) shall notify DHS of any changes to such services.

If DHS determines that substantially similar services offered by a private carrier would provide better service and value than the USPS services, it may discontinue use of the USPS services and enter into a contract with the private carrier.

(Sec. 4) DHS must report to Congress within two years of this bill's enactment describing the implementation of requirements under this bill, the fee imposed, and the number of times during the previous year that a person used a service under this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 22, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 22, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8270-8271; text: CR S8270-8271)
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8270-8271; text: CR S8270-8271)
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with amendments. With written report No. 115-171.
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 241.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 23, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.