

## S 504

### Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Mar 2, 2017

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 115-79.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-79. (Nov 2, 2017)

**Law:** 115-79 (Enacted Nov 2, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/504>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]

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

#### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 2, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 28, 2017
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		May 8, 2017

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 1, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Feb 23, 2018

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Immigration

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2805	Related bill	Aug 8, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 194.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on October 23, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2017**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to issue an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card (ABT Card) to an individual who: (1) is a U.S. citizen, (2) has been approved and is in good standing in an existing Department of Homeland Security (DHS) international trusted traveler program, and (3) is engaged in business in the Asia-Pacific region or is a U.S. government official engaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation business.

The bill: (1) transfers card program authority from the the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011 (APECBTC Act) to the Homeland Security Act of 2002; and (2) makes the program, which is scheduled to end on September 30, 2018, permanent.

The CBP shall: (1) integrate application procedures for, and issuance, renewal, and revocation of, ABT cards with existing DHS international trusted traveler programs; (2) prescribe and collect a fee for card issuance and renewal, and (3) notify Congress if card program expenditures exceed collected amounts.

The bill establishes in the Treasury an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Account (Account).

(Sec. 3) Amounts in the travel card account under the APECBTC Act are transferred to the Account and shall be available for expenses incurred with any card, and such Act is repealed. A card issued pursuant to such Act before the date of enactment of this bill shall remain valid until it expires.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 2, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-79.
- **Oct 26, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Ms. McSally moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8056-8057)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 504.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8062-8063)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 401 - 2 (Roll no. 570). (text: CR H8056)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 401 - 2 (Roll no. 570). (text: CR H8056)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6144-6145)
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6144-6145)
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S6144-6145)
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson without amendment. With written report No. 115-140.
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 190.
- **May 17, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 2, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 2, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.