

HR 5233

To amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to make certain improvements with respect to expenditure and other authorities, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 18, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2670	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31.
118 S 2043	Related bill	Aug 22, 2023: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 189.
118 S 2226	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Senate ordered measure printed as passed.

Summary (as of Aug 18, 2023)

This bill requires various changes to the passport application process and addresses related issues.

The bill requires all U.S. regular passports to contain a written notice advising travelers (1) to check travel.state.gov for updated travel warnings, (2) to register with the Department of State prior to overseas travel, (3) that many countries deny entry to travelers whose passport expires within six months, and (4) to renew their passports within at least one year of the expiration date.

Further, the bill makes permanent existing State Department authority to assess a surcharge on the passport application fee to cover the costs of increased demand prompted by certain legal requirements. This authority currently expires on September 30, 2026.

For three years starting from this bill's enactment, the State Department may use direct hire authority to expedite the hiring of individuals into Passport and Visa Examining positions (Series 0967).

Finally, the bill requires the Department of State to report to Congress about passport processing wait times, agency plans for a public outreach campaign, and related information.

Actions Timeline

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