

HR 8234

To authorize the Secretary of State to designate additional persons eligible to serve as passport acceptance agents, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** May 2, 2024

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Nov 21, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/8234>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-21]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		May 2, 2024
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 2, 2024
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		May 15, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 16, 2024
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 21, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill authorizes the Department of State to expand certain passport application processing services and directs related changes.

The bill requires the State Department to increase (1) the number of companies certified to provide expedited processing (formally known as *hand-carry courier services*) of passport applications, and (2) the daily maximum number of passport applications that passport offices may accept from certified passport expeditors.

The bill also authorizes the State Department to designate notaries public, among others, as passport acceptance agents.

Additionally, the bill provides that passports issued 180 days or more after the bill's enactment shall expire on the passport holder's birthday.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 21, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Mr. Moylan moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6123-6125)
- **Nov 20, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8234.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6123)
- **Nov 20, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6123)
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 16, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 16, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 2, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **May 2, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.