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To require frontline personnel of the Department of Homeland Security, air carriers, rail carriers, and employees of airports and train stations to wear personal protective equipment when interacting with members of the public, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2020

Mr. RUSH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Securing All Funda-
5 mental Equipment While Traveling Act” or the “SAFE
6 While Traveling Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE USE OF PER-**
2 **SONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT BY FRONT-**
3 **LINE PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **HOMELAND SECURITY.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 15 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
7 land Security shall provide all frontline personnel of the
8 Department of Homeland Security, including U.S. Cus-
9 toms and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Cus-
10 toms Enforcement, and the Transportation Security Ad-
11 ministration, with the appropriate level of personal protec-
12 tive equipment, including masks, gloves, eyewear, and any
13 other necessary equipment, to be worn by such personnel
14 when interacting with members of the public for the dura-
15 tion of the public health emergency declared relating to
16 COVID–19 and any other public health emergency de-
17 clared after the date of enactment of this Act.

18 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Homeland
19 Security shall consult with the Director of the Centers for
20 Disease Control and Prevention and the Assistant Sec-
21 retary for Occupational Safety and Health of the Occupa-
22 tional Safety and Health Administration regarding the re-
23 quirement under subsection (a).

24 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “frontline
25 personnel of the Department of Homeland Security”
26 means any officer, agent, or employee of the Department

1 of Homeland Security, and any private sector individual
2 working pursuant to a contract or agreement with the De-
3 partment, whose duties or responsibilities include inter-
4 action with members of the public.

5 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE USE OF PER-**
6 **SONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT BY FRONT-**
7 **LINE PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **TRANSPORTATION.**

9 The Secretary of Transportation shall take such ac-
10 tions as are necessary to require, for the period beginning
11 on the date of enactment of this Act and for the duration
12 of the public health emergency declared relating to
13 COVID–19, and for the duration of any other public
14 health emergency declared after the date of enactment of
15 this Act, the air carriers, rail carriers, owners and opera-
16 tors of airports, and owners and operators of train sta-
17 tions to—

18 (1) require passengers of such air carrier or rail
19 carrier or individuals present at such airport or train
20 station to wear personal protective equipment, in-
21 cluding masks, gloves, and eyewear (as appropriate),
22 while traveling on an aircraft or train of such air
23 carrier or rail carrier or while present at an airport
24 or train station; and

1 (2) provide employees with, and require employ-
2 ees to wear, personal protective equipment, including
3 masks, gloves, and eyewear (as appropriate), while
4 working on an aircraft or train of such air carrier
5 or rail carrier or while working at an airport or train
6 station.

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