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H. R. 5827

To exempt certain travelers from certain requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 for purposes of boarding a federally regulated commercial aircraft, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Mrs. LESKO (for herself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. VAN DREW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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 “Trusted Traveler
5 REAL ID Relief Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAL ID EXEMPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH**
2 **KNOWN TRAVELER NUMBERS.**

3 (a) EXEMPTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of boarding a
5 federally regulated commercial aircraft, the creden-
6 tial requirements of section 202 of the REAL ID
7 Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–13; 49 U.S.C. 30301
8 note) shall not apply to an individual who provides
9 to the Transportation Security Administration the
10 Known Traveler Number assigned to such individual
11 through such individual’s flight reservation.

12 (2) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term
13 “Known Traveler Number” means a number as-
14 signed to an individual and accepted by the Trans-
15 portation Security Administration as validating that
16 the individual holding such identifier is a member of
17 a known low-risk population, such as TSA’s
18 PreCheck trusted traveler program or U.S. Customs
19 and Border Protection’s Global Entry program.

20 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The exemption de-
21 scribed in paragraph (1) shall take effect and apply
22 beginning on October 1, 2020.

23 (b) PUBLIC AWARENESS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
25 provision of law, the Administrator of the Transpor-
26 tation Security Administration shall, beginning on

1 October 1, 2020, accept enrollment in PreCheck as
2 an allowable alternative to presenting a REAL ID
3 compliant credential to board a commercial aircraft.
4 This authorization provided under this subsection
5 shall terminate on April 1, 2022.

6 (2) TRAVELER NOTIFICATION.—To the extent
7 possible, beginning on the date of the enactment of
8 this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
9 inform travelers of the exemption described in sub-
10 section (a).

11 (3) PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—Beginning
12 on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Admin-
13 istrator of the Transportation Security Administra-
14 tion shall engage transportation stakeholders, includ-
15 ing air carriers and ticket agents (as such terms are
16 defined in section 40102 of title 49, United States
17 Code) and airport operators, in a coordinated effort
18 to inform the public about pending REAL ID imple-
19 mentation requirements.

20 (c) ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES.—Not later than Oc-
21 tober 1, 2020, the Administrator of the Transportation
22 Security Administration, in consultation with relevant
23 transportation security stakeholders, shall develop, social-
24 ize, and implement alternative checkpoint screening proce-
25 dures for individuals arriving at a checkpoint without a

1 form of identification acceptable to the Transportation Se-
2 curity Administration or satisfying the exemption de-
3 scribed in subsection (a). Such procedures may include the
4 following:

5 (1) Utilizing Credential Authentication Tech-
6 nology as a means of verifying traveler identity and
7 flight information.

8 (2) Querying Federal or State databases, in-
9 cluding trusted traveler enrollment databases of the
10 Department of Homeland Security, for the purposes
11 of verifying traveler identity.

12 (3) Allowing passengers to undergo secondary
13 screening procedures at the checkpoint for purposes
14 of boarding a federally regulated commercial air-
15 craft.

16 (d) TRAINING AND EXERCISES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1,
18 2020, in consultation with air carriers, airport oper-
19 ators, and relevant law enforcement agencies, the
20 Administrator of the Transportation Security Ad-
21 ministration (TSA) may, if requested by an airport
22 at which the Transportation Security Administration
23 conducts or oversees security screening, conduct
24 REAL ID implementation exercises, including sce-
25 nario-based training for frontline TSA personnel re-

1 garding REAL ID implementation, tabletop exer-
2 cises with air carrier (as such term is defined in sec-
3 tion 40102 of title 49, United States Code) and air-
4 port personnel, and consultation with transportation
5 security stakeholders to communicate REAL ID en-
6 forcement policies and plans.

7 (2) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Upon com-
8 pletion, if applicable, of the exercises described in
9 paragraph (1), the Administrator of the Transpor-
10 tation Security Administration shall notify the Com-
11 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,
13 Science, and Transportation of the Senate of such
14 completion.

15 **SEC. 3. REAL ID STATE PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION OF**
16 **ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS.**

17 Section 202(a) of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Public
18 Law 109–13; 49 U.S.C. 30301 note) is amended by insert-
19 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

20 “(3) ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.—A State may
21 establish a process for the submission of electronic
22 documents and electronic facial images to meet the
23 requirements of this section.”.

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