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To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 2, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Texas (for himself and Mr. LARSEN of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Asia-Pacific Economic
5 Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS**

2 **TRAVEL CARDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the 7-year period ending
4 on September 30, 2018, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, is author-
6 ized to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business
7 Travel Cards (referred to in this section as “ABT Cards”)
8 to any eligible person, including business leaders and
9 United States Government officials who are actively en-
10 gaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation business. An
11 individual may not receive an ABT Card under this sec-
12 tion unless the individual has been approved and is in good
13 standing in an international trusted traveler program of
14 the Department of Homeland Security.

15 (b) INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PRO-
16 GRAMS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may inte-
17 grate application procedures for, and issuance, suspension,
18 and revocation of, ABT Cards with other appropriate
19 international trusted traveler programs of the Department
20 of Homeland Security.

21 (c) COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.—In
22 carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
23 rity may consult with appropriate private sector entities.

24 (d) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
25 curity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, may
26 prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry

1 out this section, including regulations regarding conditions
2 of or limitations on eligibility for an ABT Card.

3 (e) FEE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
5 Security may—

6 (A) prescribe and collect a fee for the
7 issuance of ABT Cards; and

8 (B) adjust such fee to the extent the Sec-
9 retary determines to be necessary to comply
10 with paragraph (2).

11 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Homeland
12 Security shall ensure that the total amount of the
13 fees collected under paragraph (1) during any fiscal
14 year is sufficient to offset the direct and indirect
15 costs associated with carrying out this section during
16 such fiscal year, including the costs associated with
17 establishing the program.

18 (3) ACCOUNT FOR COLLECTIONS.—There is es-
19 tablished in the Treasury of the United States an
20 “APEC Business Travel Card Account” into which
21 the fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be de-
22 posited as offsetting receipts.

23 (4) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into
24 the APEC Business Travel Card Account—

1 (A) shall be credited to the appropriate ac-
2 count of the Department of Homeland Security
3 for expenses incurred in carrying out this sec-
4 tion; and

5 (B) shall remain available until expended.

6 (f) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
7 Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of
8 State, may terminate activities under this section if the
9 Secretary of Homeland Security determines such action
10 to be in the interest of the United States.

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