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S. 1633

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2009

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. BOND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

DECEMBER 21, 2010

Reported by Mr. KERRY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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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 2009”.~~

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

2 **TRAVEL CARDS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than January 1, 2010,
4 the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with
5 the Secretary of State, shall establish a program called
6 the “APEC Business Travel Program” to issue Asia-Pa-
7 cific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards
8 (ABTC) to eligible United States citizen business leaders
9 and senior United States Government officials actively en-
10 gaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) busi-
11 ness.

12 (b) **INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PRO-**
13 **GRAMS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall inte-
14 grate application procedures for and issuance of ABTC
15 with other appropriate international registered traveler
16 programs of the Department of Homeland Security, such
17 as Global Entry, NEXUS, and SENTRI.

18 (c) **COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.**—In
19 carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
20 rity shall work in conjunction with appropriate private sec-
21 tor entities to ensure that applicants for ABTC satisfy
22 ABTC requirements. The Secretary of Homeland Security
23 may utilize such entities to enroll and issue ABTC to
24 qualified applicants.

25 (d) **FEE.**—

1 (1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—The Secretary of Homeland
2 Security may impose a fee for the issuance of
3 ~~ABTC~~, and may modify such fee from time to time
4 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

5 (2) ~~LIMITATION.~~—The Secretary of Homeland
6 Security shall ensure that the total amount of any
7 fees imposed under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year
8 does not exceed the costs associated with carrying
9 out this section in such fiscal year.

10 (3) ~~CREDITING TO APPROPRIATE ACCOUNT.~~—
11 Fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be credited
12 to the appropriate account of the Department of
13 Homeland Security and are authorized to remain
14 available until expended.

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *This Act may be cited as the “Asia-Pacific Economic*
17 *Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2010”.*

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

19 **TRAVEL CARDS.**

20 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Homeland Secu-*
21 *rity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, is author-*
22 *ized to establish a program within 12 months from the date*
23 *of the enactment of this Act, to be known as the “APEC*
24 *Business Travel Program”, under which the Secretary may*
25 *issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel*

1 *Cards (in this Act referred to as “ABT Cards”) to eligible*
2 *United States citizens, including business leaders and*
3 *United States Government officials actively engaged in*
4 *Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) business. To be*
5 *eligible for an ABT Card issued under this section, an indi-*
6 *vidual must first be approved in one of the international*
7 *trusted traveler programs described in subsection (b).*

8 **(b) INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PRO-**
9 **GRAMS.**—*The Secretary of Homeland Security may inte-*
10 *grate application procedures for, and issuance of, ABT*
11 *Cards with other appropriate international trusted traveler*
12 *programs of the Department of Homeland Security, such*
13 *as Global Entry, NEXUS, and SENTRI.*

14 **(c) COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.**—*In car-*
15 *rying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security*
16 *may consult with appropriate private sector entities.*

17 **(d) REGULATIONS.**—*The Secretary of Homeland Secu-*
18 *rity, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may pre-*
19 *scribe such regulations as may be necessary to implement*
20 *the APEC Business Travel Program.*

21 **(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—*There are*
22 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland*
23 *Security such sums as may be necessary to establish the*
24 *APEC Business Travel Program.*

25 **(f) FEE.**—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Homeland*
2 *Security may prescribe and collect a fee for the*
3 *issuance of ABT Cards, and may modify such fee*
4 *from time to time as the Secretary determines appro-*
5 *priate.*

6 (2) *LIMITATION.*—*The Secretary of Homeland*
7 *Security shall ensure that the total amount of any*
8 *fees imposed under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year*
9 *does not exceed the costs associated with carrying out*
10 *this section in such fiscal year.*

11 (3) *ACCOUNT FOR COLLECTIONS.*—*There is here-*
12 *by established in the Treasury of the United States an*
13 *“APEC Business Travel Program Account”, into*
14 *which the fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be*
15 *deposited as offsetting receipts.*

16 (4) *USE OF THE FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT.*—*The*
17 *funds in the APEC Business Travel Program Account*
18 *may be credited to the appropriate account of the De-*
19 *partment of Homeland Security for expenses incurred*
20 *in carrying out this section. Such funds shall remain*
21 *available until expended.*

22 (g) *TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.*—*The Secretary of*
23 *Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of*
24 *State, may cease issuance of the ABT Cards if the Secretary*
25 *deems it in the interest of the United States to do so.*

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