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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. KING, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. STREAMLINING OF APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN**  
5 **SECURITY THREAT ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS**  
6 **OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMIN-**  
7 **ISTRATION.**

8 (a) STREAMLINING.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Adminis-  
11 trator of the Transportation Security Administration  
12 (in this section referred to as the “TSA”) shall take  
13 such actions as are necessary, including issuance of  
14 an interim final rule if needed, to streamline the  
15 procedures for individuals applying for or renewing  
16 enrollment in more than one TSA security threat as-  
17 sessment program, in particular, the TWIC and  
18 HAZMAT Endorsement programs, and any other  
19 credentialing programs as determined by the Admin-  
20 istrator, by—

21 (A) permitting an individual to enroll at  
22 any TSA authorized enrollment center once for  
23 a threat assessment program endorsement and  
24 use the application, including associated biomet-  
25 ric and biographic data, as well as information  
26 generated by TSA’s vetting, for one of such

1 programs to enroll in any other of such pro-  
2 grams;

3 (B) permitting an individual to visit any  
4 TSA authorized enrollment center and enroll in  
5 more than one TSA security threat assessment  
6 program at the same time for a fee that is less  
7 than the cumulative fee that would otherwise be  
8 incurred for each such program separately;

9 (C) permitting an individual to undergo a  
10 streamlined and expeditious renewal process;

11 (D) aligning the expiration of an individ-  
12 ual's successful, valid eligibility determination  
13 with the expiration of that individual's eligi-  
14 bility to participate in subsequent TSA security  
15 threat assessment programs to which the indi-  
16 vidual applies;

17 (E) providing to States the expiration  
18 dates for each individual's TSA security threat  
19 assessment to ensure a commercial driver's li-  
20 cense of an individual who holds a HAZMAT  
21 Endorsement does not indicate the individual is  
22 authorized to transport hazardous materials  
23 after the expiration date of the enrollment of  
24 the individual in the HAZMAT Endorsement  
25 security threat assessment program if such

1 commercial driver's license has an expiration  
2 date that is different from the expiration date  
3 of such enrollment; and

4 (F) enrolling an individual in a subsequent  
5 TSA security threat assessment program at the  
6 minimum cost necessary for the TSA to cover  
7 printing costs and costs associated with the col-  
8 lection of any additional biometric and bio-  
9 graphic data in accordance with paragraph (3).

10 (2) STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR STREAM-  
11 LINING.—Not later than 6 months after the date of  
12 the enactment of this Act, the States shall carry out  
13 the responsibilities of the States pursuant to section  
14 5103a of title 49, United States Code.

15 (3) SPECIAL RULE.—If an individual under this  
16 subsection is at different times applying for or re-  
17 newing enrollment in more than one TSA security  
18 threat assessment program, such individual may be  
19 required to revisit a TSA authorized enrollment cen-  
20 ter for the collection of additional data, such as bio-  
21 metrics, necessary for any such program that were  
22 not so collected in connection with any other such  
23 program.

24 (b) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator of the TSA  
25 shall post on a publicly available website of the TSA infor-

1 mation relating to the streamlining of the enrollment proc-  
2 esses for individuals applying for more than one TSA secu-  
3 rity threat assessment program described in subsection  
4 (a).

5 (c) EXPEDITED RULEMAKING.—Notwithstanding  
6 sections 551 through 559 of title 5, United States Code,  
7 nothing in this section shall require notice and comment  
8 rulemaking, and to the extent it is necessary to add addi-  
9 tional requirements for which limited rulemaking may be  
10 advisable, the Administrator of the TSA shall implement  
11 such requirements through publication of an interim final  
12 rule.

13 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of  
15 the TSA shall brief Congress on progress made toward  
16 the implementation of this section.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) HAZMAT ENDORSEMENT.—The term  
19 “HAZMAT Endorsement” means the Hazardous  
20 Materials Endorsement Threat Assessment program  
21 authorized under section 5103a of title 49, United  
22 States Code.

23 (2) TWIC.—The term “TWIC” means the  
24 Transportation Worker Identification Credential au-

1       thorized under section 70105 of title 46, United  
2       States Code.

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