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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 8, 2011

Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that to avoid further im-
5 posing unnecessary and costly regulatory burdens on
6 United States workers and businesses, it is urgent that
7 the TWIC application process be reformed before the end

1 of 2012, when many of the more than 1,000,000 current
2 TWIC holders will be required to renew their Transpor-
3 tation Worker Identification Credentials.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

5 In this Act, the terms “Transportation Worker Iden-
6 tification Credential” and “TWIC” mean the transpor-
7 tation security card issued under section 70105 of title
8 46, United States Code.

9 **SEC. 3. TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CRE-**
10 **DENTIAL APPLICATION REFORM.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
13 land Security shall reform the process for the enrollment,
14 activation, issuance, and renewal of Transportation Work-
15 er Identification Credentials to require not more than 1
16 in-person visit to a designated enrollment center, except
17 as provided under subsection (b).

18 (b) EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.—The Secretary
19 may require a TWIC applicant to visit a designated enroll-
20 ment center more than once under extenuating cir-
21 cumstances, as determined by the Secretary.

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