

In the Senate of the United States,

August 1, 2013.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1344) entitled “An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Helping Heroes Fly*

3 *Act”.*

1 **SEC. 2. OPERATIONS CENTER PROGRAM FOR SEVERELY IN-**
2 **JURED OR DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE**
3 **ARMED FORCES AND SEVERELY INJURED OR**
4 **DISABLED VETERANS.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subchapter I of chapter 449 of title
6 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 **“§ 44927. Expedited screening for severely injured or**
9 **disabled members of the Armed Forces**
10 **and severely injured or disabled veterans**

11 *“(a) PASSENGER SCREENING.*—The Assistant Sec-
12 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the
13 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and organizations identified
14 by the Secretaries of Defense and Veteran Affairs that advo-
15 cate on behalf of severely injured or disabled members of
16 the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans,
17 shall develop and implement a process to support and fa-
18 cilitate the ease of travel and to the extent possible provide
19 expedited passenger screening services for severely injured
20 or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely in-
21 jured or disabled veterans through passenger screening. The
22 process shall be designed to offer the individual private
23 screening to the maximum extent practicable.

24 *“(b) OPERATIONS CENTER.*—As part of the process
25 under subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall main-
26 tain an operations center to provide support and facilitate

1 *the movement of severely injured or disabled members of*
2 *the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans*
3 *through passenger screening prior to boarding a passenger*
4 *aircraft operated by an air carrier or foreign air carrier*
5 *in air transportation or intrastate air transportation.*

6 “(c) *PROTOCOLS.*—*The Assistant Secretary shall—*

7 “(1) *establish and publish protocols, in consulta-*
8 *tion with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of*
9 *Veterans Affairs, and the organizations identified*
10 *under subsection (a), under which a severely injured*
11 *or disabled member of the Armed Forces or severely*
12 *injured or disabled veteran, or the family member or*
13 *other representative of such member or veteran, may*
14 *contact the operations center maintained under sub-*
15 *section (b) and request the expedited passenger screen-*
16 *ing services described in subsection (a) for that mem-*
17 *ber or veteran; and*

18 “(2) *upon receipt of a request under paragraph*
19 *(1), require the operations center to notify the appro-*
20 *priate Federal Security Director of the request for ex-*
21 *pedited passenger screening services, as described in*
22 *subsection (a), for that member or veteran.*

23 “(d) *TRAINING.*—*The Assistant Secretary shall inte-*
24 *grate training on the protocols established under subsection*
25 *(c) into the training provided to all employees who will reg-*

1 ularly provide the passenger screening services described in
2 subsection (a).

3 “(e) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion shall affect the authority of the Assistant Secretary to
5 require additional screening of a severely injured or dis-
6 abled member of the Armed Forces, a severely injured or
7 disabled veteran, or their accompanying family members or
8 nonmedical attendants, if intelligence, law enforcement, or
9 other information indicates that additional screening is
10 necessary.

11 “(f) *REPORT.*—Not later than 1 year after the date of
12 enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the As-
13 sistant Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the
14 implementation of this section. Each report shall include
15 each of the following:

16 “(1) *Information on the training provided under*
17 *subsection (d).*

18 “(2) *Information on the consultations between*
19 *the Assistant Secretary and the organizations identi-*
20 *fied under subsection (a).*

21 “(3) *The number of people who accessed the oper-*
22 *ations center during the period covered by the report.*

23 “(4) *Such other information as the Assistant*
24 *Secretary determines is appropriate.”*

1 **(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—*The table of sections at*
2 *the beginning of subchapter I of chapter 449 of title 49,*
3 *United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item*
4 *relating to section 44926 the following new item:*

*“44927. Expedited screening for severely injured or disabled members of the Armed
Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans.”.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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