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H. R. 3165

To require the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy to prescribe a policy regarding purchase card and travel card programs to provide a government-wide system of accountability for such cards.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida (for himself, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. HENSARLING, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. BARTON of Texas, and Mr. PUTNAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 “Purchase Card and
5 Travel Card Accountability Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. GOVERNMENT-WIDE SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY**
2 **FOR PURCHASE CARDS AND TRAVEL CARDS.**

3 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The Office of Fed-
4 eral Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403 et seq.) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 41. GOVERNMENT-WIDE SYSTEM OF ACCOUNT-**
7 **ABILITY FOR PURCHASE CARDS AND TRAVEL**
8 **CARDS.**

9 “(a) POLICY FOR PURCHASE CARDS AND TRAVEL
10 CARDS.—The Administrator for Federal Procurement
11 Policy, pursuant to the authority provided in section 6(a),
12 shall prescribe a Government-wide policy regarding the
13 use of purchase cards and travel cards by Federal employ-
14 ees.

15 “(b) CONTENTS OF POLICY.—

16 “(1) APPROPRIATE AND INAPPROPRIATE
17 USES.—The policy shall include definitions of appro-
18 priate and inappropriate uses of purchase cards and
19 travel cards.

20 “(2) SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY.—The policy
21 shall include a system of accountability for employ-
22 ees using such cards, with disciplinary actions that
23 include reimbursement to the Federal Government
24 and termination of employment for employees that
25 violate the terms of the agreements for the use of
26 such cards.

1 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH GOVERNMENT-
2 WIDE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION.—The policy
3 prescribed under subsection (a) shall be implemented
4 through the Federal Acquisition Regulation and shall be
5 followed by executive agencies in their respective purchase
6 card and travel card programs.

7 “(d) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS.—The Inspec-
8 tor General of each executive agency with a purchase card
9 or travel card program shall periodically submit reports
10 to the Administrator on disciplinary actions taken with re-
11 spect to employees of the agency found in violation of the
12 purchase card or travel card program.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
14 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by adding at the
15 end the following new item:

“Sec. 41. Government-wide system of accountability for purchase cards and
travel cards.”.

16 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The policy required by sec-
17 tion 41 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act,
18 as added by subsection (a), shall be implemented not later
19 than six months after the date of the enactment of this
20 Act.

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