

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5143

To amend title 46, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out an empty shipping container sealing pilot program to encourage shipping container handlers to seal empty shipping containers after they have unpacked them, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Secure Domestic Con-
5 tainer Partnership Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMPTY SHIPPING CONTAINER SEALING PILOT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM.—Chapter 701 of
4 title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 **“§ 70122. Empty shipping container sealing pilot pro-**
7 **gram**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
9 curity shall carry out an empty shipping container sealing
10 pilot program in accordance with this section to encourage
11 shipping container handlers to seal empty shipping con-
12 tainers after they have unpacked them.

13 “(b) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—Under the pilot pro-
14 gram, the Secretary may authorize a shipper, cargo car-
15 rier, freight forwarder, terminal operator, port authority,
16 or labor organization that is a qualified container handler
17 to secure, under a seal approved by the Secretary, a ship-
18 ping container that is emptied by the person.

19 “(c) QUALIFIED CONTAINER HANDLER REQUIRE-
20 MENTS.—The Secretary shall issue requirements for treat-
21 ing a person as a qualified container handler for purposes
22 of this section.

23 “(d) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later
24 than July 1, 2005, the Secretary shall—

25 “(1) ensure that shipping containers are being
26 sealed pursuant to this section; and

1 “(2) report to the Congress steps that have
2 been taken to implement this section, including the
3 number of shipping containers that have been sealed
4 under this section.

5 “(e) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,
6 the Secretary shall consult with persons conducting other
7 programs to develop industry standards for shipping con-
8 tainer seals.

9 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
10 carry out this section there is authorized to be appro-
11 priated to the Secretary \$100,000.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis
13 at the beginning of chapter 701 of title 46, United States
14 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“70122. Empty shipping container sealing pilot program.”.

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