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To extend the deadline on the use of technology standards for the passports of visa waiver participants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 20, 2004

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. INOUE, Mr. GREGG, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. BROWNBACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To extend the deadline on the use of technology standards for the passports of visa waiver participants.

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 “Visa Waiver Program
5 Compliance Amendments of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR USE OF TECH-**
2 **NOLOGY STANDARD.**

3 Section 303(c)(2) of the Enhanced Border Security
4 and Visa Entry Reform Act (8 U.S.C. 1732(c)(2)) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(2) USE OF TECHNOLOGY STANDARD.—On
7 and after November 30, 2006, any alien applying for
8 admission under the visa waiver program established
9 in accordance with section 217 of the Immigration
10 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187) shall present a
11 passport that meets the requirements of paragraph
12 (1), unless the alien’s passport was issued prior to
13 that date.”.

14 **SEC. 3. CHANGE TO REQUIREMENT FOR READERS AND**
15 **SCANNERS AT PORTS OF ENTRY.**

16 Section 303(b)(2)(A) of the Enhanced Border Secu-
17 rity and Visa Entry Reform Act (8 U.S.C. 1732(b)(2)(A))
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Octo-
20 ber 26, 2004, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
21 rity, in consultation with the Secretary of State,
22 shall install at all ports of entry of the United
23 States, equipment and software to allow biomet-
24 ric comparison and authentication of all United
25 States visas and other travel and entry docu-
26 ments issued to aliens. Not later than Novem-

1 ber 30, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
2 rity, in consultation with the Secretary of State,
3 shall install at all ports of entry of the United
4 States, equipment and software to allow biomet-
5 ric comparison and authentication of passports
6 issued pursuant to subsection (c)(1).”.

7 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

8 Section 303 of the Enhanced Border Security and
9 Visa Entry Reform Act (8 U.S.C. 1732) is amended by
10 striking “Attorney General” each place that term appears
11 and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

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