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To create an inspection program that uses videophone systems at certain points of entry in Florida to satisfy customs and immigration reporting requirements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOLEY (for himself and Mr. SHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Recreational Boaters
5 Streamlined Inspection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR VIDEOPHONE SYSTEMS AT POINTS**
7 **OF ENTRY.**

8 (a) **REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM.**—The
9 Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an inspec-

1 tion program that uses a videophone system at each point
2 of entry specified in subsection (c)—

3 (1) through which a master of a recreational
4 vessel may report to an appropriate official of the
5 Department of Homeland Security for purposes of
6 section 433 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.
7 1433); and

8 (2) through which a master and the passengers
9 of a recreational vessel may report to an appropriate
10 official of such Department for purposes of satis-
11 fying requirements for lawful entry into the United
12 States under immigration laws as defined in section
13 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
14 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

15 (b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
16 rity shall require that the program established under sub-
17 section (a) may be used only in a case in which the master
18 of, and each passenger on, a recreational vessel is a citizen
19 or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

20 (c) POINTS OF ENTRY.—The program established
21 under subsection (a) shall be accessible to a master or pas-
22 senger of a recreational vessel at each of the following
23 points of entry in Florida:

24 (1) Sebastian Inlet.

25 (2) Fort Pierce Inlet.

1 (3) St. Lucie Inlet.

2 (4) Jupiter Inlet.

3 (5) Lake Worth Inlet.

4 (6) Boynton Inlet.

5 (7) Boca Raton Inlet.

6 (8) Hillsboro Inlet.

7 (9) Port Everglades Inlet.

8 (10) Bakers Haulover Inlet.

9 (11) Miami Harbor Inlet.

10 (12) Islamorada.

11 (13) Key West.

12 (d) EFFECT ON AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—The
13 program established under subsection (a) shall not affect
14 the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to
15 require a master or passenger of a recreational vessel to
16 wait for a customs inspection or to report the arrival of
17 the vessel to the nearest customs facility or such other
18 place as the Secretary may prescribe by regulations.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

20 (1) RECREATIONAL VESSEL.—The term “rec-
21 reational vessel” means a vessel—

22 (A) manufactured for operation, or oper-
23 ated, primarily for pleasure; or

24 (B) leased, rented, or chartered to another
25 for the latter’s pleasure.

1 (2) VIDEOPHONE SYSTEM.—The term
2 “videophone system” means a system that con-
3 tains—

4 (A) a telephone that has a two-way visual
5 and audio communication link between two peo-
6 ple; and

7 (B) a video transceiver, monitor, facial
8 camera, and document camera.

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