

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4373

To ensure the safety of passengers aboard aircraft that also carries cargo.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

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

A BILL

To ensure the safety of passengers aboard aircraft that also
carries cargo.

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 “Safe Skies Cargo In-
5 spection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSPECTION OF CARGO CARRIED ABOARD PAS-**
7 **SENGER AIRCRAFT.**

8 Section 44901 of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections “(g)” and
2 “(h)” as subsections “(h)” and “(i)”, respectively;
3 and

4 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(g) AIR CARGO ON PASSENGER AIRCRAFT.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
8 Security shall establish a system to inspect all cargo
9 transported on passenger aircraft to ensure the secu-
10 rity of all passenger aircraft carrying cargo operated
11 by an air carrier or foreign air carrier in air trans-
12 portation or intrastate air transportation.

13 “(2) MINIMUM STANDARDS.—The system re-
14 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall, at a minimum, re-
15 quire that—

16 “(A) equipment, technology, and personnel
17 meets the same standards established to inspect
18 passenger baggage;

19 “(B) one-third of cargo carried on pas-
20 senger aircraft is inspected before Thanksgiving
21 Day of the first year after the date of enact-
22 ment of this subsection;

23 “(C) two-thirds of cargo carried on pas-
24 senger aircraft is inspected before Thanksgiving

1 Day of the second year after the date of enact-
2 ment of this subsection; and

3 “(D) all cargo carried on passenger air-
4 craft is inspected before Thanksgiving Day of
5 the third year after the date of enactment of
6 this subsection.”.

○