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S. 2481

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to hire additional full-time non-supervisory import specialists of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30, 2006

Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. REQUIREMENT TO HIRE ADDITIONAL FULL-**
4 **TIME IMPORT SPECIALISTS OF THE BUREAU**
5 **OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
7 curity shall—

1 (1) hire additional full-time non-supervisory im-
2 port specialists of the Bureau of Customs and Bor-
3 der Protection of the Department of Homeland Se-
4 curity so that the number of such import specialists
5 during fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal
6 year is at least 1,080, as required by section 412(b)
7 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
8 212(b)); and

9 (2) provide for the salaries and expenses, in-
10 cluding appropriate training and support, of the im-
11 port specialists hired pursuant to paragraph (1).

12 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
13 amounts made available for fiscal year 2007 and each sub-
14 sequent fiscal year to carry out section 301(b)(2) of the
15 Customs Procedural Reform and Simplification Act of
16 1978 (19 U.S.C. 2075(b)(2)), there are authorized to be
17 appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be nec-
18 essary for each such fiscal year to carry out subsection
19 (a).

20 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION RELATING TO MAINTENANCE OF**
21 **CUSTOMS REVENUE FUNCTIONS.**

22 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 412(b) of the Homeland
23 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 212(b)) is amended by
24 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(3) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Home-
2 land Security shall certify to the Committee on
3 Ways and Means of the House of Representatives
4 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate for
5 each fiscal year that—

6 “(A) the requirement of paragraph (1) was
7 met during such fiscal year; and

8 “(B) the number of full-time non-super-
9 visory import specialists of the Bureau of Cus-
10 toms and Border Protection during such fiscal
11 year was at least 1,080, as required by para-
12 graph (1).”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The certification require-
14 ment of paragraph (3) of section 412(b) of the Homeland
15 Security Act of 2002 (as added by subsection (a)) applies
16 with respect to fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal
17 year.

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