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H. R. 2490

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2008

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. MARITIME BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Within one year after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
4 curity, acting through the Commandant of the Coast
5 Guard, shall conduct, in the maritime environment, a pro-
6 gram for the mobile biometric identification of suspected
7 individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border secu-
8 rity and for other purposes.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure the
10 program required in this section is coordinated with other
11 biometric identification programs within the Department
12 of Homeland Security.

13 (c) COST ANALYSIS.—Within 90 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
15 to the Committees on Appropriations and Homeland Secu-
16 rity of the House of Representatives and the Committees
17 on Appropriations and Homeland Security and Govern-
18 mental Affairs of the Senate an analysis of the cost of
19 expanding the Coast Guard’s biometric identification ca-
20 pabilities for use by the Coast Guards Deployable Oper-
21 ations Group, cutters, stations, and other deployable mari-
22 time teams considered appropriate by the Secretary, and
23 any other appropriate Department of Homeland Security
24 maritime vessels and units. The analysis may include a
25 tiered plan for the deployment of this program that gives
26 priority to vessels and units more likely to encounter indi-

- 1 individuals suspected of making illegal border crossings
- 2 through the maritime environment.

(d) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section, the term “biometric identification” means use of fingerprint and digital photography images.

Passed the House of Representatives July 29, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.