111TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H.R. 5960

To direct the payment of passport fees to the Department of State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2010

Mr. LEE of New York (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mr. MARCHANT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 "Passport Acquisition
5 Savings and Security Act of 2010" or the "PASS Act of
6 2010".

7 SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF PASSPORT FEES.

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(a) of the Act of June
9 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214(a)), is amended, in the first sen-

tence, by striking "into the Treasury of the United
 States" and inserting "to the Department of State".

3 (b) RETENTION OF FEES.—Any amount collected by 4 the Department of State in fiscal year 2011 and each fis-5 cal year thereafter as a fee for visas, passports, or other 6 consular services may be credited as an offsetting collec-7 tion to the appropriate Department of State appropria-8 tion, to remain available until expended, for the purpose 9 of meeting the costs of providing such services and shall 10 be available for the same purposes as the appropriation to which such amounts are credited. 11

(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that new revenues directed to the Department of
State under this Act should be used to reduce the costs
of passports for consumers.

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