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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Secure Airport Ter-
5 minal Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCREENING LOCATION AND STERILE AREA DE-**
2 **FINED.**

3 In this Act, the terms “screening location” and “ster-
4 ile area” have the meanings given those terms in section
5 1540.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or any
6 corresponding similar rule or regulation).

7 **SEC. 3. INCREASED USE OF SECURITY CAMERAS AT AIR-**
8 **PORTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
11 land Security shall prescribe regulations that—

12 (1) require the use of security cameras at all
13 screening locations and all locations where pas-
14 sengers exit the sterile area at airports in the United
15 States;

16 (2) set forth requirements for the use, mainte-
17 nance, and testing of security cameras and other
18 technological devices used for security at airports in
19 the United States; and

20 (3) specify that employees of the Transpor-
21 tation Security Administration have access to all se-
22 curity cameras and technological devices described in
23 paragraph (2) and data or recordings from such
24 cameras and devices that relate to airport security,
25 including standards for—

26 (A) the timing of such access;

1 (B) the accessibility of copies and accept-
2 able formats for such data or recordings;

3 (C) the period for which such data or re-
4 cordings must be maintained; and

5 (D) the permissible uses of such data or
6 recordings.

7 (b) INTERIM REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of
8 Homeland Security may issue interim final rules under
9 subsection (a) without regard to the provisions of chapter
10 5 of title 5, United States Code.

11 **SEC. 4. IMPROVED MONITORING OF EXITS FROM STERILE**
12 **AREAS IN AIRPORTS.**

13 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of
15 Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administra-
16 tion) shall submit to the committees specified in sub-
17 section (b) a report that—

18 (1) makes recommendations for improving the
19 security of each location at an airport where pas-
20 sengers exit the sterile area; and

21 (2) assesses—

22 (A) differences in configurations of such
23 locations; and

24 (B) options for improving security at such
25 locations, such as increasing personnel assigned

1 to such locations and the use of technology to
 2 improve security.

3 (b) COMMITTEES SPECIFIED.—The committees spec-
 4 ified in this subsection are—

5 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
 6 Transportation and the Committee on Homeland Se-
 7 curity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

8 (2) the Committee on Transportation and In-
 9 frastructure and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
 10 rity of the House of Representatives.

11 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
 12 curity may prescribe regulations, including interim final
 13 rules implemented without regard to the provisions of
 14 chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, requiring stand-
 15 ards for security at each location at an airport where pas-
 16 sengers exit the sterile area.

17 **SEC. 5. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR CIRCUMVENTING SE-**
 18 **CURITY SCREENING.**

19 (a) CIVIL PENALTIES.—Section 46301(a)(5)(A)(i) of
 20 title 49, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) by striking “or chapter 449” and inserting
 22 “chapter 449”; and

23 (2) by inserting “, or section 46314(a)” after
 24 “44909)”.

1 (b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Section 46314(b) of title
2 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

3 “(b) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—A person violating sub-
4 section (a) of this section shall be fined under title 18,
5 imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.”.

6 (c) NOTICE OF PENALTIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each operator of an airport
8 in the United States that is required to establish an
9 air transportation security program pursuant to sec-
10 tion 44903(c) of title 49, United States Code, shall
11 ensure that signs that meet such requirements as
12 the Secretary of Homeland Security may prescribe
13 providing notice of the penalties imposed under sec-
14 tions 46301(a)(5)(A)(i) and 46314(b) of title 49,
15 United States Code, as amended by this section, are
16 displayed near all screening locations, all locations
17 where passengers exit the sterile area, and such
18 other locations at the airport as the Secretary of
19 Homeland Security determines appropriate.

20 (2) EFFECT OF SIGNS ON PENALTIES.—An in-
21 dividual shall be subject to a penalty imposed under
22 section 46301(a)(5)(A)(i) or 46314(b) of title 49,
23 United States Code, as amended by this section,

- 1 without regard to whether signs are displayed at an
- 2 airport as required by paragraph (1).

