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S. 321

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State to accept passport cards at air ports of entry and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 Card Travel
5 Enhancement Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. PASSPORT CARD DEFINED.**

7 In this Act, the term “passport card” means the doc-
8 ument—

1 (1) known as a passport card that is issued to
2 a national of the United States on the same basis
3 as a regular passport; and

4 (2) that the Secretary of State began issuing
5 during 2008.

6 **SEC. 3. PASSPORT CARDS FOR AIR TRAVEL.**

7 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ACCEPT PASSPORT CARDS
8 FOR AIR TRAVEL.—Notwithstanding any regulation
9 issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Sec-
10 retary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security and
11 the Secretary of State shall permit a passport card issued
12 to a citizen of the United States to serve as proof of iden-
13 tity and citizenship of such citizen if such citizen is depart-
14 ing from or entering the United States through an air port
15 of entry for travel that terminates or originates in—

16 (1) Bermuda;

17 (2) Canada;

18 (3) a foreign country located in the Caribbean;

19 or

20 (4) Mexico.

21 (b) FEES FOR PASSPORT CARDS.—Neither the Sec-
22 retary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security
23 may increase, or propose an increase to, the fee for
24 issuance of a passport card as a result of the requirements
25 of subsection (a).

1 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue
4 final regulations to implement this Act.

