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To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, to transfer unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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 “Clothe a Homeless
5 Hero Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CLOTHING RECOV-**
2 **ERED AT AIRPORT SECURITY CHECKPOINTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44945 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**and**
6 **clothing**” after “**money**”;

7 (2) by striking “Notwithstanding” and insert-
8 ing the following:

9 “(a) DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED MONEY.—Not-
10 withstanding”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(b) DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CLOTHING.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In disposing of unclaimed
14 clothing recovered at any airport security check-
15 point, the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security,
16 Transportation Security Administration, in consulta-
17 tion with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall
18 make every reasonable effort to transfer such cloth-
19 ing to local veterans organizations or other local
20 charitable organizations for distribution to homeless
21 or needy veterans and veteran families.

22 “(2) AGREEMENTS.—The Assistant Secretary
23 may enter into agreements with airport authorities
24 to facilitate the implementation of paragraph (1).

25 “(3) OTHER CHARITABLE ARRANGEMENTS.—
26 Nothing in this subsection may be construed to pre-

1 vent an airport or the Transportation Security Ad-
2 ministration from donating unclaimed clothing to a
3 charitable organization of their choosing.

4 “(4) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection
5 shall create a cost to the Federal Government.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 at the beginning of chapter 449 of title 49, United States
8 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section
9 44945 and inserting the following:

“44945. Disposition of unclaimed money and clothing.”.

