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H. R. 3767

To amend title 44, United States Code, to prohibit the assembly or manufacture of secure credentials or their component parts by the Government Publishing Office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 20, 2015

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. WALKER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Preventing Govern-
5 ment Publishing Overreach Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING ASSEMBLY OR MANUFACTURE OF SE-**
7 **CURE CREDENTIALS OR COMPONENT PARTS**
8 **BY GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 44, United
2 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
3 following new section:

4 **“§ 518. Prohibiting assembly or manufacture of se-**
5 **cure credentials or component parts**

6 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Except to the extent permitted
7 under subsection (b), the Director of the Government Pub-
8 lishing Office may not assemble or manufacture any se-
9 cure credentials or the component parts of any such cre-
10 dential.

11 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
12 the following activities:

13 “(1) Stitching security paper into an already
14 assembled eCover for the Department of State, ex-
15 cept that nothing in this paragraph may be con-
16 strued to permit the Director to manufacture a new
17 polycarbonate data page or other secure credential
18 within the ePassport.

19 “(2) Manufacturing NEXUS and SENTRI
20 cards pursuant to any contract or purchase order
21 which is in effect as of the date of the enactment of
22 this section, but only until the earlier of—

23 “(A) the date on which the contract ex-
24 pires or the purchase order is filled; or

25 “(B) December 31, 2016.

1 “(3) Assembling or manufacturing any secure
2 credentials specifically at the request of the Central
3 Intelligence Agency or the National Security Agency
4 for use in classified programs or activities.

5 “(4) Manufacturing identification badges for
6 the Presidential Inauguration.

7 “(c) SECURE CREDENTIAL DEFINED.—The term ‘se-
8 cure credential’ means an identification document which
9 includes component security parts (such as electronic stor-
10 age capability, semiconductors, antennae, anti-counter-
11 feiting technology, digital watermarks and other digital
12 identifications, and specialized polycarbonate manufac-
13 turing) designed to authenticate the document or reduce
14 the risk of the unauthorized replication or alteration of
15 the document.”.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
17 tions for chapter 5 of such title is amended by add-
18 ing at the end the following new item:

“518. Prohibiting assembly or manufacture of secure credentials or component
parts.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 501 of
20 such title is amended—

21 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
22 (1);

23 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
24 graph (2) and inserting “; and”; and

- 1 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
- 2 lowing new paragraph:
- 3 “(3) as provided in section 518.”.

