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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may require that the United States Postal Service obtain a signature from that person in order to deliver the document, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening the De-
3 partment of Homeland Security Secure Mail Initiative
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. OPTION FOR SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT UNDER**
6 **THE SECURE MAIL INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 1 year
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of Homeland Security shall provide for an option under
10 the Secure Mail Initiative (or any successor program)
11 under which a person to whom a document is sent under
12 that initiative may require that the United States Postal
13 Service obtain a signature from that person in order to
14 deliver the document.

15 (b) FEE.—The Secretary shall require the payment
16 of a fee from a person requiring a signature under sub-
17 section (a). Such fee may be set at a level that will ensure
18 recovery of the full costs of providing all such services.
19 Such fee may also be set at a level that will recover any
20 additional costs associated with the administration of the
21 fees collected.

22 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
24 of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall sub-
25 mit to Congress a report which includes—

- 1 (1) the implementation of the requirements
2 under section 2;
3 (2) the fee imposed under section 2(b); and
4 (3) the number of times during the previous
5 year that a person required a signature under sec-
6 tion 2(a).

Passed the House of Representatives September 21,
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.