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To improve the screening of transgender persons at airport security checkpoints, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Miss RICE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Screening With Dig-
5 nity Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. TSA SCREENING PROCEDURES AND TRAINING.**

7 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES.—Not later
8 than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
9 the Administrator shall develop procedures to appro-
10 priately screen self-identified transgender passengers. In

1 developing such procedures, the Administrator shall take
2 into consideration the particular needs of persons whose
3 gender identity is different or is perceived to be different
4 from their assigned sex at birth and the disparate impact
5 of screening on transgender passengers as opposed to the
6 general population of passengers.

7 (b) TRAINING OF TSOs AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
8 PROCEDURES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall conduct
10 in-person training of all Transportation Security Officers
11 on the screening procedures developed under subsection
12 (a) and shall implement such procedures.

13 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON SCREENING EQUIPMENT.**

14 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall con-
16 duct a study on the cost and feasibility of retrofitting ad-
17 vanced image technology screening equipment to distin-
18 guish between foreign objects and human body parts.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
21 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
22 of Representatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science,
23 and Transportation of the Senate, and the Comptroller
24 General of the United States a report containing the re-
25 sults of the study conducted under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON SECONDARY SCREENING PROCEDURES.**

2 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
3 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall con-
4 duct a study that evaluates the disparate impact that ad-
5 vanced imaging technology has on self-identified
6 transgender passengers as opposed to the general popu-
7 lation of passengers. Such study shall include an examina-
8 tion of instances since 2010 in which a self-identified
9 transgender passenger was required to undergo a sec-
10 ondary screening procedure after alarming the advanced
11 imaging technology involved.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
14 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
15 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
16 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report con-
17 taining the results of the study conducted under sub-
18 section (a).

19 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

21 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
22 trator” means the Administrator of the Transpor-
23 tation Security Administration.

24 (2) ADVANCED IMAGING TECHNOLOGY.—The
25 term “advanced imaging technology” has the mean-
26 ing given the term in section 826(l)(1)(A) of the

1 FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49
2 U.S.C 44901(l)(1)(A)).

3 (3) GENDER IDENTITY.—The term “gender
4 identity” means the gender-related identity, appear-
5 ance, mannerisms, or other gender-related character-
6 istics of an individual, regardless of the individual’s
7 designated sex at birth.

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