

Public Law 110–50  
110th Congress

An Act

To enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

July 30, 2007

[S. 966]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Passport Backlog Reduction Act of 2007”.

Passport Backlog  
Reduction Act of  
2007.  
22 USC 3901  
note.

**SEC. 2. REEMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ANNUITANTS.**

Section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4064(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph—

“(C)(i) to provide assistance to consular posts with a substantial backlog of visa applications; or

“(ii) to provide assistance to meet the demand resulting from the passport and travel document requirements set forth in section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note), including assistance related to the investigation of fraud in connection with an application for a passport.”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “The authority” and inserting “(A) The authority”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(B) The authority of the Secretary to waive the application of subsections (a) through (d) for an annuitant pursuant to subparagraph (C)(i) of paragraph (1) shall terminate on September 30, 2008.

“(C) The authority of the Secretary to waive the application of subsections (a) through (d) for an annuitant

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pursuant to subparagraph (C)(ii) of paragraph (1) shall terminate on September 30, 2009.”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 966:

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June 29, considered and passed Senate.

July 16, considered and passed House, amended.

July 17, Senate concurred in House amendment.

