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# H. R. 5450

To amend section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 to provide for a user fee to cover the cost of customs inspections at express courier facilities.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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. FEES FOR CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS AT EXPRESS**

4 **COURIER FACILITIES.**

5 (a) CUSTOMS USER FEES.—Section 13031 of the  
6 Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985  
7 (19 U.S.C. 58c) is amended as follows:

8 (1) Subsection (a) is amended—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (7)  
2 through (10) as paragraphs (8) through (11),  
3 respectively;

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the  
5 following new paragraph:

6 “(7) For the processing of merchandise that is  
7 informally entered or released at a centralized hub  
8 facility or an express consignment carrier facility  
9 (other than shipments valued at \$200 or less, which  
10 shall not be subject to any fee under this sub-  
11 section), \$5.”; and

12 (C) in the last sentence of paragraph (11),  
13 as so redesignated, by striking “subparagraphs  
14 (A), (B), and (C),” and inserting “subpara-  
15 graphs (A) and (B), see paragraph (7), and at  
16 facilities referred to in subparagraph (C),”.

17 (2) Subsection (b) is amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “(8)”  
19 and inserting “(9)”;

20 (B) in paragraph (6)—

21 (i) by striking “(a)(8)” and inserting  
22 “(a)(9)”;

23 (ii) by striking “(8)” and inserting  
24 “(9)”;

25 (C) in paragraph (8)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking  
2 “(a)(9)” and inserting “(a)(10)”; and

3 (ii) in subparagraphs (B), (C), (D),  
4 and (E), by striking “(9) or (10)” each  
5 place it appears and inserting “(10) or  
6 (11)”; and

7 (D) in paragraph (9)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (A), in the matter  
9 preceding clause (i), by striking “a central-  
10 ized hub facility, an express consignment  
11 carrier facility, or”;

12 (ii) by striking clause (ii) of subpara-  
13 graph (A);

14 (iii) in clause (i) of subparagraph  
15 (A)—

16 (I) by striking—

17 “(i) In the case of a small airport or other facil-  
18 ity—”;

19 (II) by redesignating subclauses  
20 (I) and (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), re-  
21 spectively, and aligning the text of  
22 those clauses with clauses (i) and (ii)  
23 of paragraph (8)(E); and

24 (III) in clause (ii), as so redesign-  
25 ated, by striking “(a)(10) for such

1 fiscal year, in an amount equal to the  
2 reimbursement under subclause (I)”  
3 and inserting “(a)(11) for such fiscal  
4 year, in an amount equal to the reim-  
5 bursement under clause (i)”;

6 (iv) by amending subparagraph (B) to  
7 read as follows:

8 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘small  
9 airport or other facility’ means any airport or facility to  
10 which section 236 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984  
11 applies, if more than 25,000 informal entries were cleared  
12 through such airport or facility during the preceding fiscal  
13 year.”; and

14 (C) in paragraphs (10) and (11), by strik-  
15 ing “(9) or (10)” each place it appears and in-  
16 serting “(10) or (11)”.

17 (3) Subsection (c) is amended by adding at the  
18 end the following:

19 “(6) The terms ‘centralized hub facility’ and ‘ex-  
20 press consignment carrier facility’ mean a separate  
21 or shared specialized facility approved by a port di-  
22 rector of the Customs Service for examination and  
23 release of imported merchandise carried by an ex-  
24 press consignment carrier. Entry filing is also per-  
25 mitted at any such facility.”.

1           (4) Subsection (d)(4) is amended by striking  
2           “(a)(7)” each place it appears and inserting  
3           “(a)(8)”.

4           (5) Subsection (e) is amended by adding at the  
5           end the following:

6           “(7) Notwithstanding section 451 of the Tariff Act  
7           of 1930 or any other provision of law, all services rendered  
8           by the United States Customs Service at a centralized hub  
9           facility or an express consignment carrier facility relating  
10          to the inspection or release of merchandise from such facil-  
11          ity, either inbound or upon arrival from another country  
12          or outbound when departing to another country (includ-  
13          ing, but not limited to, normal and overtime services) shall  
14          be adequately provided when needed, at no cost to such  
15          facility (other than the fees imposed under subsection (a)  
16          of this section).”.

17          (6) Subsection (f)(3)(A) is amended—

18                 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
19                 striking “(9) or (10)” and inserting “(10) or  
20                 (11)”;

21                 (B) in clause (i)—

22                         (i) in subclause (IV), by striking  
23                         “and” at the end;

24                         (ii) in subclause (V), by adding “and”  
25                         after “1993,”; and

1 (iii) by inserting after subclause (V)  
2 the following:

3 “(VI) providing the services described in  
4 subsection (e)(7) at centralized hub facilities  
5 and express consignment carrier facilities,”; and

6 (C) in clause (ii), by striking “(8)” each  
7 place it appears and inserting “(9)”.

8 (7) Subsection (f)(6) is amended by striking  
9 “(9) and (10)” and inserting “(10) and (11)”.

10 (b) **ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Sec-  
11 tion 301(b)(2)(B) of the Customs Procedural Reform and  
12 Simplification Act of 1978 (19 U.S.C. 2075(b)(2)(B)) is  
13 amended by striking “(9) and (10)” and inserting “(10)  
14 and (11)”.

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