

107TH CONGRESS
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S. 2656

To require the Secretary of Transportation to develop and implement a plan to provide security for cargo entering the United States or being transported in intrastate or interstate commerce.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2002

Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF**
4 **CARGO SECURITY PLAN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
6 2002, the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security
7 shall develop and submit a detailed plan to the Committee
8 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate

1 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2 of the House of Representatives to—

3 (1) ensure the adequacy of security measures
4 for the transportation of cargo into and in the
5 United States; and

6 (2) oversee the implementation, and ensure the
7 adequacy, of security measures with respect to cargo
8 at airports and other transportation facilities.

9 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM AND FINAL
10 PLAN.—

11 (1) FINAL PLAN.—Not later than September
12 30, 2003, the Under Secretary of Transportation for
13 Security shall fully implement a plan to ensure cargo
14 security for all cargo entering the United States or
15 cargo moving in intrastate or interstate commerce in
16 the United States.

17 (2) INTERIM CARGO SECURITY MEASURES.—Be-
18 tween the date of enactment of this Act and Sep-
19 tember 30, 2003, the Under Secretary of Transpor-
20 tation for Security shall implement the following
21 cargo security measures:

22 (A) Random screening of at least 5 percent
23 of cargo at airports and other transportation
24 facilities.

1 (B) An authentication policy for shippers
2 to ensure that shippers use documents with
3 adequate security features to prevent shippers
4 that are not known to the Federal Government
5 from shipping cargo under the name of known
6 shippers.

7 (C) Regular audits of shippers, freight for-
8 warders, air carriers, and other entities involved
9 in aviation shipping in order to ensure full com-
10 pliance with security procedures and back-
11 ground checks for cargo handlers.

12 (D) Development of a training program for
13 entities that handle cargo to ensure that cargo
14 is properly handled and to safeguard cargo
15 from security breaches.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
18 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and
19 to ensure that airports and other transportation facilities
20 have state-of-the-art cargo screening equipment.

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