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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Guaranteeing Airport
5 Physical Screening Standards Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCREENING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND PROPERTY**
2 **ENTERING SECURE AREAS OF AN AIRPORT.**

3 (a) DEADLINE.—Section 44903(h)(4)(A) of title 49,
4 United States Code, is amended by striking “as soon as
5 practicable after the date of enactment of this subsection”
6 and inserting “not later than 120 days after the date of
7 enactment of the Guaranteeing Airport Physical Screening
8 Standards Act of 2004”.

9 (b) SCREENING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.—
10 Section 44903(h)(4)(B) of such title is amended by insert-
11 ing before the semicolon at the end the following: “and
12 will include at a minimum physical screening for metal
13 objects”.

14 (c) INTERIM MEASURES.—The Secretary shall re-
15 quire random screenings and inspections of individuals,
16 goods, property, vehicles, and other equipment at the en-
17 trances of, and within, secure areas of an airport until
18 such date as the Secretary has fully complied with the re-
19 quirements of section 44903(h)(4)(A) of such title. The
20 random screenings and inspections shall be conducted in
21 a manner that assures the level of protection described in
22 section 44903(h)(4)(B) of such title, as amended by this
23 section. The random screenings and inspections shall be
24 unannounced and shall be conducted 24 hours a day.

1 **SEC. 3. HIRING OF SCREENERS.**

2 (a) NUMBER OF SCREENERS.—Notwithstanding any
3 other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security
4 may hire the number of passenger and baggage screeners
5 that the Secretary determines necessary to ensure aviation
6 security.

7 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
9 necessary to carry out this section.

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