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# H. R. 6246

To require the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to establish an international registered traveler program that incorporates available technologies to expedite and enhance the security, screening, and processing of international travelers at United States borders, including United States citizens and lawful permanent residents, who enter and exit the United States, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

2 Section 7208(k)(3) of the Intelligence Reform and  
3 Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1365b(k)(3))  
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 “(3) INTERNATIONAL REGISTERED TRAVELER  
6 PROGRAM.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
8 Homeland Security shall establish an inter-  
9 national registered traveler program that incor-  
10 porates available technologies, such as bio-  
11 metrics and e-passports, and security threat as-  
12 sessments to expedite the screening and proc-  
13 essing of international travelers, including  
14 United States citizens and lawful permanent  
15 residents, who enter and exit the United States.  
16 The program shall be coordinated with the  
17 United States Visitor and Immigrant Status In-  
18 dicator Technology program, other pre-screen-  
19 ing initiatives, and the Visa Waiver Program.

20 “(B) FEES.—The Secretary may impose a  
21 fee for the program established under subpara-  
22 graph (A) and may modify such fee from time  
23 to time. The fee may not exceed the aggregate  
24 costs associated with the program and shall be  
25 credited to the Department of Homeland Secu-  
26 rity for purposes of carrying out the program.

1           Amounts so credited shall remain available until  
2           expended.

3           “(C) RULEMAKING.—Not later than one  
4           year after the date of the enactment of this  
5           paragraph, the Secretary shall initiate a rule-  
6           making process to establish the program, cri-  
7           teria for participation, and the fee for the pro-  
8           gram.

9           “(D) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than  
10          two years after the date of the enactment of  
11          this paragraph, the Secretary shall establish a  
12          phased-implementation of a biometric-based  
13          international registered traveler program in  
14          conjunction with the United States Visitor and  
15          Immigrant Status Indicator Technology entry  
16          and exit system, other prescreening initiatives,  
17          and the Visa Waiver Program at United States  
18          airports with the highest volume of inter-  
19          national travelers.

20          “(E) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary shall  
21          ensure that the international registered traveler  
22          program includes as many participants as prac-  
23          ticable by—

24                  “(i) establishing a reasonable cost of  
25                  enrollment;

1                   “(ii) making program enrollment con-  
2                   venient and easily accessible; and

3                   “(iii) providing applicants with clear  
4                   and consistent eligibility guidelines.”.

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