

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2177

To direct the payment of passport fees to the Department of State.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS (for himself and Ms. HOCHUL) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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of State.

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 “Passport Acquisition  
5 Savings and Security Act of 2011” or the “PASS Act of  
6 2011”.

7 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF PASSPORT FEES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(a) of the Act of June  
9 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214(a)), is amended, in the first sen-  
10 tence, by striking “into the Treasury of the United  
11 States” and inserting “to the Department of State”.

1           (b) RETENTION OF FEES.—Any amount collected by  
2 the Department of State in fiscal year 2011 and each fis-  
3 cal year thereafter as a fee for visas, passports, or other  
4 consular services may be credited as an offsetting collec-  
5 tion to the appropriate Department of State appropria-  
6 tion, to remain available until expended, for the purpose  
7 of meeting the costs of providing such services and shall  
8 be available for the same purposes as the appropriation  
9 to which such amounts are credited.

10          (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
11 shall be construed to affect or limit in any manner any  
12 fees collected by local governments for the purposes of  
13 processing passport applications submitted to the Depart-  
14 ment of State.

15          (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
16 gress that new revenues directed to the Department of  
17 State under this Act should be used to reduce the costs  
18 of passports for consumers.

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