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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Risk-Based Security
5 Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECURITY SCREENING FOR MEMBERS OF THE**
2 **ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44903 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(m) SECURITY SCREENING FOR MEMBERS OF THE
7 ARMED FORCES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary of
9 Homeland Security (Transportation Security Admin-
10 istration), in consultation with the Department of
11 Defense, shall develop and implement a plan to pro-
12 vide expedited security screening services for a mem-
13 ber of the armed forces, and, to the extent possible,
14 any accompanying family member, if the member of
15 the armed forces, while in uniform, presents docu-
16 mentation indicating official orders for air transpor-
17 tation departing from a primary airport (as defined
18 in section 47102).

19 “(2) PROTOCOLS.—In developing the plan, the
20 Assistant Secretary shall consider—

21 “(A) leveraging existing security screening
22 models used by airports and air carriers to re-
23 duce passenger wait times before entering a se-
24 curity screening checkpoint;

1 “(B) establishing standard guidelines for
2 the screening of military uniform items, includ-
3 ing combat boots; and

4 “(C) incorporating any new screening pro-
5 tocols into an existing trusted passenger pro-
6 gram, as established pursuant to section
7 109(a)(3) of the Aviation and Transportation
8 Security Act (49 U.S.C. 114 note), or into the
9 development of any new credential or system
10 that incorporates biometric technology and
11 other applicable technologies to verify the iden-
12 tity of individuals traveling in air transpor-
13 tation.

14 “(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Assistant
15 Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees
16 of Congress a report on the implementation of the
17 plan.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-
20 retary shall implement the plan required by this Act.

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