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1ST SESSION

# S. 1966

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 8, 2011

Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that to avoid further im-  
5 posing unnecessary and costly regulatory burdens on  
6 United States workers and businesses, it is urgent that  
7 the TWIC application process be reformed before the end

1 of 2012, when many of the more than 1,000,000 current  
2 TWIC holders will be required to renew their Transpor-  
3 tation Worker Identification Credentials.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

5 In this Act, the terms “Transportation Worker Iden-  
6 tification Credential” and “TWIC” mean the transpor-  
7 tation security card issued under section 70105 of title  
8 46, United States Code.

9 **SEC. 3. TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CRE-**  
10 **DENTIAL APPLICATION REFORM.**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
13 land Security shall reform the process for the enrollment,  
14 activation, issuance, and renewal of Transportation Work-  
15 er Identification Credentials to require not more than 1  
16 in-person visit to a designated enrollment center, except  
17 as provided under subsection (b).

18 (b) **EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.**—The Secretary  
19 may require a TWIC applicant to visit a designated enroll-  
20 ment center more than once under extenuating cir-  
21 cumstances, as determined by the Secretary.

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