

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8234

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Received; read twice and referred to the

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of State to designate additional persons eligible to serve as passport acceptance agents, and for other purposes.

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. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO DES-**
2 **IGNATE ADDITIONAL PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO**
3 **SERVE AS PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENTS.**

4 Section 6109(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (22 U.S.C. 213a(b)) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
8 graph (7); and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(6) A United States citizen who, as deter-
12 mined by the Secretary, is employed by and provides
13 services through a reputable, established company or
14 institution and is commissioned or appointed as a
15 notary or notary public or otherwise authorized to
16 perform a notarization under the laws of a State,
17 district, or territorial government.”.

18 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO HAND-CARRY COU-**
19 **RIER SERVICES FOR PASSPORT APPLICA-**
20 **TIONS AND PASSPORTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall take
22 such actions as may be necessary to—

23 (1) facilitate an increase in the number of com-
24 panies certified to provide hand-carry courier serv-
25 ices; and

1 (2) increase the daily maximum number of ap-
2 plications for United States regular passports, by
3 service type, that such companies may submit to a
4 passport agency of the Department of State (com-
5 monly referred to as “meeting slots”) as part of the
6 hand-carry courier services of such company.

7 (b) HAND-CARRY COURIER SERVICE DEFINED.—In
8 this section, the term “hand-carry courier service”
9 means—

10 (1) the transport of applications for United
11 States passports to a passport agency of the Depart-
12 ment of State for processing; and

13 (2) the retrieval of newly issued United States
14 passports for delivery, directly or indirectly, to the
15 passport holder.

16 **SEC. 3. DATE OF EXPIRATION OF UNITED STATES PASS-**
17 **PORTS.**

18 The Secretary of State shall take such actions as may
19 be necessary to provide that each United States regular
20 passport issued or renewed on or after the date that is
21 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act ex-
22 pires on the same month and day of the month as the

1 date of birth of the individual associated with such pass-
2 port.

Passed the House of Representatives November 20,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.