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S. 2548

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish an Aviation Security Checkpoint Technology Fund in the Department of Homeland Security to fund investments in aviation security checkpoint technology, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. MORAN) 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 “Aviation Security
5 Checkpoint Technology Fund Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF AVIATION SECURITY CHECK-**
 2 **POINT TECHNOLOGY FUND.**

3 Section 44923 of title 49, United States Code, is
 4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
 6 (j); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-
 8 lowing new subsection:

9 “(i) AVIATION SECURITY CHECKPOINT TECHNOLOGY
 10 FUND.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within
 12 the Department of Homeland Security a fund to be
 13 known as the Aviation Security Checkpoint Tech-
 14 nology Fund (in this subsection referred to as the
 15 ‘ASCT Fund’). The second \$250,000,000 from fees
 16 received under section 44940(a)(1) in each of fiscal
 17 years 2024 through 2028 shall be available to be de-
 18 posited in the ASCT Fund. The Administrator of
 19 the Transportation Security Administration shall im-
 20 pose the fee authorized by section 44940(a)(1) so as
 21 to collect not less than \$250,000,000 in each of such
 22 fiscal years for deposit into the ASCT Fund.
 23 Amounts in the ASCT Fund shall be available until
 24 expended to the Administrator of the Transportation
 25 Security Administration to fund the procurement,

1 test, deployment, and post-deployment enhancements
2 of aviation security checkpoint technology.

3 “(2) TSA BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this subsection
5 and quarterly thereafter for 5 years, the Adminis-
6 trator of the Transportation Security Administration
7 shall brief the Committee on Homeland Security and
8 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
9 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
10 Science, and Transportation and the Committee on
11 Appropriations of the Senate regarding planned pro-
12 curement, test, deployment, and post-deployment en-
13 hancement efforts of aviation security checkpoint
14 technology at airport checkpoints through amounts
15 made available from the ASCT Fund.”.

16 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

17 Section 44940(i)(1) of title 49, United States Code,
18 is amended by striking “section 44923(h)” and inserting
19 “subsections (h) and (i) of section 44923”.

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