

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2770

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain maintenance of security-related technology at airports, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Keeping our Travelers
3 Safe and Secure Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Administrator of the Transportation
7 Security Administration has stated that the mainte-
8 nance of security-related technology such as x-rays,
9 explosive trace detection systems, explosive detection
10 systems, liquid scanners, and enhanced walk-through
11 metal detectors, is central to the execution of Trans-
12 portation Security Administration’s mission to pro-
13 tect United States transportation systems.

14 (2) Preventive and corrective maintenance is es-
15 sential to ensuring and extending the service lives of
16 security-related technology.

17 (3) In May 2015, the Inspector General of the
18 Department of Homeland Security, reporting on the
19 results of a performance audit conducted between
20 December 2013 and November 2014, concluded that
21 because the Transportation Security Administration
22 did not properly manage the maintenance of its se-
23 curity-related technology deployed to airports, it can-
24 not be assured that routine preventive maintenance
25 is performed or that equipment is repaired and
26 ready for operational use.

1 (4) Specifically, the Inspector General found
2 that the Transportation Security Administration did
3 not issue adequate policies and procedures to docu-
4 ment, track, and maintain preventive maintenance
5 actions at the airport level and oversight of con-
6 tractor-performed maintenance needed to be
7 strengthened.

8 (5) According to the Inspector General, if the
9 equipment is not fully operational, the Transpor-
10 tation Security Administration may have to use
11 other screening measures that may be less effective
12 at detecting dangerous items, thereby potentially
13 jeopardizing passenger safety and security.

14 **SEC. 3. MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY-RELATED TECH-**
15 **NOLOGY.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XVI of the Homeland Secu-
17 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 561 et seq.) is amended by
18 adding at the end the following:

19 **“Subtitle C—Maintenance of**
20 **Security-Related Technology**

21 **“SEC. 1621. MAINTENANCE VALIDATION AND OVERSIGHT.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this subtitle, the Adminis-
24 trator shall develop and implement a preventive mainte-

1 nance validation process for security-related technology
2 deployed to airports.

3 “(b) MAINTENANCE BY ADMINISTRATION PER-
4 SONNEL AT AIRPORTS.—For maintenance to be carried
5 out by Administration personnel at airports, the process
6 referred to in subsection (a) shall include the following:

7 “(1) Guidance to Administration personnel,
8 equipment maintenance technicians, and other per-
9 sonnel at airports specifying how to conduct and
10 document preventive maintenance actions.

11 “(2) Mechanisms for the Administrator to
12 verify compliance with the guidance issued pursuant
13 to paragraph (1).

14 “(c) MAINTENANCE BY CONTRACTORS AT AIR-
15 PORTS.—For maintenance to be carried out by a con-
16 tractor at airports, the process referred to in subsection
17 (a) shall require the following:

18 “(1) Provision of monthly preventive mainte-
19 nance schedules to appropriate Administration per-
20 sonnel at each airport that includes information on
21 each action to be completed by a contractor.

22 “(2) Notification to appropriate Administration
23 personnel at each airport when maintenance action
24 is completed by a contractor.

1 “(3) A process for independent validation by a
2 third party of contractor maintenance.

3 “(d) PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Ad-
4 ministrators shall require maintenance contracts for secu-
5 rity-related technology deployed to airports to include pen-
6 alties for noncompliance when it is determined that either
7 preventive or corrective maintenance has not been com-
8 pleted according to contractual requirements and manu-
9 facturers’ specifications.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-
12 serting after the item relating to section 1616 the fol-
13 lowing:

 “Subtitle C—Maintenance of Security-Related Technology

 “Sec. 1621. Maintenance validation and oversight.”.

14 **SEC. 4. INSPECTOR GENERAL ASSESSMENT.**

15 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
16 of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of
17 Homeland Security shall assess implementation of the re-
18 quirements under this Act and the amendments made by
19 this Act, and provide findings and recommendations with
20 respect to the provision of training to Administration per-
21 sonnel, equipment maintenance technicians, and other per-
22 sonnel under section 1621 of the Homeland Security Act
23 of 2002 (as added by section 3 of this Act) and the avail-

1 ability and utilization of equipment maintenance techni-
2 cians employed by the Administration.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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