

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4712

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may require that the United States Postal Service obtain a signature from that person in order to deliver the document, 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 “Strengthening the De-  
3 partment of Homeland Security Secure Mail Initiative  
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. OPTION FOR SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT UNDER**  
6 **THE SECURE MAIL INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 1 year  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
9 of Homeland Security shall provide for an option under  
10 the Secure Mail Initiative (or any successor program)  
11 under which a person to whom a document is sent under  
12 that initiative may require that the United States Postal  
13 Service obtain a signature from that person in order to  
14 deliver the document.

15 (b) FEE.—The Secretary shall require the payment  
16 of a fee from a person requiring a signature under sub-  
17 section (a). Such fee may be set at a level that will ensure  
18 recovery of the full costs of providing all such services.  
19 Such fee may also be set at a level that will recover any  
20 additional costs associated with the administration of the  
21 fees collected.

22 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
24 of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall sub-  
25 mit to Congress a report which includes—

1           (1) the implementation of the requirements  
2           under section 2;

3           (2) the fee imposed under section 2(b); and

4           (3) the number of times during the previous  
5           year that a person required a signature under sec-  
6           tion 2(a).

          Passed the House of Representatives September 21,  
2016.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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