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# S. 321

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State to accept passport cards at air ports of entry and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Passport Card Travel  
5 Enhancement Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. PASSPORT CARD DEFINED.**

7 In this Act, the term “passport card” means the doc-  
8 ument—

1           (1) known as a passport card that is issued to  
2           a national of the United States on the same basis  
3           as a regular passport; and

4           (2) that the Secretary of State began issuing  
5           during 2008.

6 **SEC. 3. PASSPORT CARDS FOR AIR TRAVEL.**

7           (a) REQUIREMENT TO ACCEPT PASSPORT CARDS  
8 FOR AIR TRAVEL.—Notwithstanding any regulation  
9 issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Sec-  
10 retary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security and  
11 the Secretary of State shall permit a passport card issued  
12 to a citizen of the United States to serve as proof of iden-  
13 tity and citizenship of such citizen if such citizen is depart-  
14 ing from or entering the United States through an air port  
15 of entry for travel that terminates or originates in—

16           (1) Bermuda;

17           (2) Canada;

18           (3) a foreign country located in the Caribbean;

19           or

20           (4) Mexico.

21           (b) FEES FOR PASSPORT CARDS.—Neither the Sec-  
22 retary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security  
23 may increase, or propose an increase to, the fee for  
24 issuance of a passport card as a result of the requirements  
25 of subsection (a).

1           (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after  
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
3 State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue  
4 final regulations to implement this Act.

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