

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4501

To amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to authorize the Secretary of State to establish and collect a surcharge to cover the costs of meeting the increased demand for passports as a result of actions taken to comply with section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2005

Mr. HYDE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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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 Services En-
5 hancement Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO ESTAB-**
2 **LISH AND COLLECT A SURCHARGE TO COVER**
3 **THE COSTS OF MEETING THE INCREASED DE-**
4 **MAND FOR PASSPORTS.**

5 Section 1 of the Passport Act of June 4, 1920 (22
6 U.S.C. 214) is amended—

7 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “There
8 shall be collected and paid” and inserting “(a) There
9 shall be collected and paid”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(b)(1) The Secretary of State may by regulation es-
13 tablish and collect a surcharge on applicable fees for the
14 filing of each application for a passport in order to cover
15 the costs of meeting the increased demand for passports
16 as a result of actions taken to comply with section 7209(b)
17 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act
18 of 2004 (Public Law 108–458). Such surcharge shall be
19 in addition to the fees provided for in subsection (a) and
20 in addition to the surcharges or fees otherwise authorized
21 by law and shall be deposited as an offsetting collection
22 to the appropriate Department of State appropriation, to
23 remain available until expended for the purposes of meet-
24 ing such costs.

1 “(2) The authority to collect the surcharge provided
2 under paragraph (1) may not be exercised after September
3 30, 2010.”.

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