

# Union Calendar No. 477

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

# H. R. 2490

[Report No. 110-751]

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a pilot program for the mobile biometric identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlawfully attempting to enter the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

JULY 10, 2008

Additional sponsors: Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. GINGREY, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. CARNEY, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SPACE, Mr. POE, and Mr. BILBRAY

JULY 10, 2008

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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. BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION OF UNAUTHOR-**  
4 **IZED ALIENS.**

5        (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
6 rity shall conduct a pilot program for the mobile biometric  
7 identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlaw-  
8 fully attempting to enter the United States.

9        (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary shall ensure  
10 that the pilot program is coordinated with other biometric  
11 identification programs within the Department of Home-  
12 land Security and shall evaluate the costs and feasibility  
13 of expanding the capability to all appropriate Department  
14 of Homeland Security maritime vessels.

15        (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There  
16 are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry  
17 out this section for fiscal year 2008.

18 **SECTION 1. MARITIME BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION.**

19        (a) **IN GENERAL.**—*Within one year after the date of*  
20 *the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-*  
21 *rity, acting through the Commandant of the Coast Guard,*  
22 *shall conduct, in the maritime environment, a program for*  
23 *the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals,*  
24 *including terrorists, to enhance border security and for*  
25 *other purposes.*

1           (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*The Secretary shall ensure the*  
2 *program required in this section is coordinated with other*  
3 *biometric identification programs within the Department*  
4 *of Homeland Security.*

5           (c) *COST ANALYSIS.*—*Within 90 days after the date*  
6 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to*  
7 *the Committees on Appropriations and Homeland Security*  
8 *of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Ap-*  
9 *propriations and Homeland Security and Governmental*  
10 *Affairs of the Senate an analysis of the cost of expanding*  
11 *the Coast Guard’s biometric identification capabilities for*  
12 *use by the Coast Guards Deployable Operations Group, cut-*  
13 *ters, stations, and other deployable maritime teams consid-*  
14 *ered appropriate by the Secretary, and any other appro-*  
15 *priate Department of Homeland Security maritime vessels*  
16 *and units. The analysis may include a tiered plan for the*  
17 *deployment of this program that gives priority to vessels*  
18 *and units more likely to encounter individuals suspected*  
19 *of making illegal border crossings through the maritime en-*  
20 *vironment.*

21           (d) *DEFINITION.*—*For the purposes of this section, the*  
22 *term “biometric identification” means use of fingerprint*  
23 *and digital photography images.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identi-

fication of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security.”.



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