

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9967

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to permit States to use funds made available under such Act to improve the administration of elections for the physical security of polling places and poll workers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2024

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Protect Our Local
5 workers Act” or the “POL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF FUNDS UNDER HAVA FOR PHYSICAL SECUR-**
2 **ITY OF POLLING PLACES AND POLL WORK-**
3 **ERS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORIZING USE OF PAYMENTS.**—Section
5 101(b)(1) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52
6 U.S.C. 20901(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subparagraph:

8 “(I) Ensuring the physical security of elec-
9 tion offices, including polling places, and elec-
10 tion workers, including poll workers.”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to funds made
13 available to States under the Help America Vote Act of
14 2002 at any time before or after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act.

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