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# S. 1487

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2011

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Asia-Pacific Economic  
5       Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS**

2 **TRAVEL CARDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
4 rity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, is author-  
5 ized to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of  
6 Homeland Security may issue Asia-Pacific Economic Co-  
7 operation Business Travel Cards (referred to in this sec-  
8 tion as “ABT Cards”) to any eligible person, including  
9 business leaders and United States Government officials  
10 who are actively engaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Co-  
11 operation business. An individual may not receive an ABT  
12 Card under this section unless the individual has been ap-  
13 proved and is in good standing in an international trusted  
14 traveler program of the Department of Homeland Secu-  
15 rity.

16 (b) INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PRO-  
17 GRAMS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may inte-  
18 grate application procedures for, and issuance, suspension,  
19 and revocation of, ABT Cards with other appropriate  
20 international trusted traveler programs of the Department  
21 of Homeland Security.

22 (c) COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.—In  
23 carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
24 rity may consult with appropriate private sector entities.

25 (d) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
26 curity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, may

1 prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry  
2 out this section, including regulations regarding conditions  
3 of or limitations on eligibility for an ABT Card.

4 (e) FEE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland  
6 Security may—

7 (A) prescribe and collect a fee for the  
8 issuance of ABT Cards; and

9 (B) adjust such fee to the extent the Sec-  
10 retary determines to be necessary to comply  
11 with paragraph (2).

12 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Homeland  
13 Security shall ensure that the total amount of the  
14 fees collected under paragraph (1) during any fiscal  
15 year is sufficient to offset the direct and indirect  
16 costs associated with carrying out this section during  
17 such fiscal year.

18 (3) ACCOUNT FOR COLLECTIONS.—There is es-  
19 tablished in the Treasury of the United States an  
20 “APEC Business Travel Card Account” into which  
21 the fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be de-  
22 posited as offsetting receipts.

23 (4) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into  
24 the APEC Business Travel Card Account—

1                   (A) shall be credited to the appropriate ac-  
2                   count of the Department of Homeland Security  
3                   for expenses incurred in carrying out this sec-  
4                   tion; and

5                   (B) shall remain available until expended.

6           (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of  
8 Homeland Security such sums as may be necessary to im-  
9 plement this section.

10          (g) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of  
11 Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of  
12 State, may terminate activities under this section if the  
13 Secretary of Homeland Security determines such action  
14 to be in the interest of the United States.

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