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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Mr. TOOMEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Clothe a Homeless Hero Act''.

SEC. 2. DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CLOTHING RECOVERED AT AIRPORT SECURITY CHECKPOINTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44945 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting "**and clothing**" after "**money**";

(2) by striking "Notwithstanding" and inserting the following:

"(a) DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED MONEY.—Notwithstanding"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CLOTHING.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In disposing of unclaimed clothing recovered at any airport security checkpoint, the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall make every reasonable effort to transfer such clothing to local veterans organizations or other local charitable organizations for distribution to homeless or needy veterans and veteran families.

"(2) AGREEMENTS.—The Assistant Secretary may enter into agreements with airport authorities to facilitate the implementation of paragraph (1).

"(3) OTHER CHARITABLE ARRANGEMENTS.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to pre-

vent an airport or the Transportation Security Administration from donating unclaimed clothing to a charitable organization of their choosing.

"(4) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection shall create a cost to the Federal Government.".

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 449 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 44945 and inserting the following:

"44945. Disposition of unclaimed money and clothing.".

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