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To require the Transportation Security Administration to standardize the enrollment process for individuals applying for multiple TSA security threat assessment programs, including the TWIC, HAZMAT Endorsement, and TSA PreCheck programs of the Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "TSA Security Threat Assessment Application Modernization Act".

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SEC. 2. STANDARDIZATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

(a) STANDARDIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (in this section referred to as the "TSA") shall take such actions as are necessary to standardize the enrollment and renewal system for individuals applying for or renewing enrollment in more than one TSA security threat assessment program, including the TWIC, HAZMAT Endorsement, and TSA PreCheck programs (or any related successor programs), to permit an individual to—

(A) except as provided in paragraph (3), enroll at any TSA enrollment center once and use the application, as well as the application generated by TSA’s vetting for one of such programs to enroll in 2 or more of such programs;

(B) apply successful, valid clearance results from a TSA security threat assessment, including criminal history information, to satisfy vetting requirements for participation in any TSA security threat assessment program; and
(C) undergo a streamlined and expeditious renewal process.

(2) STREAMLINING.—In carrying out paragraph (1)(B), the Administrator of the TSA shall—

(A) align the expiration of an individual’s successful, valid clearance results with the expiration of that individual’s eligibility to participate in TSA security threat assessment programs;

(B) provide to States the expiration dates for the enrollment of individuals in TSA security threat assessment programs to ensure that the commercial driver’s license of an individual who holds a HAZMAT Endorsement does not indicate that the individual is authorized to transport hazardous materials after the expiration date of the enrollment of the individual in the HAZMAT Endorsement security threat assessment program if the commercial driver’s license has an expiration date that is different from the expiration date of such enrollment; and

(C) enroll an individual in a second or subsequent TSA security threat assessment program at the minimum cost necessary for the
TSA to cover printing costs and costs associated with the collection of additional biometric and biographic data required under paragraph (3).

(3) SPECIAL RULE.—If an individual under subsection (a) is at different times applying for or renewing enrollment in more than one TSA security threat assessment program, such individual may be required to revisit any TSA enrollment center for the collection of additional data, such as biometrics, necessary for any such program that were not so collected in connection with any other such program.

(b) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator of the TSA shall post on a publicly available website of the TSA information relating to the standardization of the enrollment system for individuals applying for multiple TSA security threat assessment programs described in subsection (a).

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the TSA shall brief Congress on progress made toward the implementation of this section.

(d) DEADLINE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the TSA shall complete the standardization of the enrollment and renewal system for individuals applying for or
renewing enrollment in multiple TSA security threat assessment programs described in subsection (a).

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(1) HAZMAT ENDORSEMENT.—The term “HAZMAT Endorsement” means a hazardous materials endorsement on a commercial driver’s license issued by a State under section 5103a of title 49, United States Code.

(2) TSA PRECHECK.—The term “TSA PreCheck” means the trusted traveler program of the Transportation Security Administration under section 109(a)(3) of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (Public Law 107–71; 49 U.S.C. 114 note) and section 44919 of title 49, United States Code.

(3) TWIC.—The term “TWIC” means a valid transportation security card issued by the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating under section 70105 of title 46, United States Code.