

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920 to authorize certain public libraries to collect and retain a fee for the execution of a passport application.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC LIBRAR-
4 IES TO COLLECT AND RETAIN FEES FOR AC-
5 CEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF PASSPORT
6 APPLICATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of the Passport
8 Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214(a)) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following:

1 “(4) The Secretary of State may authorize a public
2 library that is organized as a nongovernmental organiza-
3 tion, a nonprofit, charitable organization, or a trust to
4 serve as a passport acceptance facility and to collect and
5 retain the execution fee for a passport accepted by such
6 public library if such library is in compliance with regula-
7 tions prescribed by the Secretary of State for the accept-
8 ance and execution of passport applications.”.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES WHICH
10 PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILI-
11 TIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 of State shall authorize any public library to serve
15 as a passport acceptance facility and to collect and
16 retain an execution fee for a passport accepted by
17 such library, if, before the date of the enactment of
18 this Act, such public library—

19 (A) served as a passport acceptance facil-
20 ity; and

21 (B) was in compliance with the regulations
22 prescribed by the Secretary of State for the ac-
23 ceptance and execution of passport applications.

24 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 State shall submit to the relevant congressional com-
2 mittees a report that includes—

3 (A) documentation of the Secretary’s com-
4 pliance with the requirements described in para-
5 graph (1); or

6 (B) if the Secretary is not in compliance
7 with such requirements, an explanation for such
8 noncompliance.

9 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a)(1)
10 of the Passport Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214(a)(1))
11 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “State officials or the United
13 States Postal Service” and inserting “a State, a
14 local government, the United States Postal Service,
15 or a public library that meets the requirements de-
16 scribed in paragraph (4)”; and

17 (2) by striking “by such officials or by that
18 Service.” and inserting “by such State, local govern-
19 ment, Postal Service, or public library.”.