

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2750
OFFERED BY MR. KATKO OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improved Security Vet-
3 ting for Aviation Workers Act of 2015”.

4 SEC. 2. AVIATION SECURITY.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XVI of the
6 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 561 et seq.)
7 is amended by adding after section 1601 the following new
8 section:

9 “SEC. 1602. VETTING OF AVIATION WORKERS.

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—By not later than December 31,
11 2015, the Administrator, in coordination with the Assist-
12 ant Secretary for Policy of the Department, shall request
13 from the Director of National Intelligence access to addi-
14 tional data from the Terrorist Identities Datamart Envi-
15 ronment (TIDE) data and any or other terrorism-related
16 information to improve the effectiveness of the Adminis-
17 tration’s credential vetting program for individuals with
18 unescorted access to sensitive areas of airports.

1 “(b) SECURITY INSPECTION.—By not later than De-
2 cember 31, 2015, the Administrator shall issue guidance
3 for Transportation Security Inspectors to annually review
4 airport badging office procedures for applicants seeking
5 access to sensitive areas of airports. Such guidance shall
6 include a comprehensive review of applicants’ Criminal
7 History Records Check (CHRC) and work authorization
8 documentation during the course of an inspection.

9 “(c) INFORMATION SHARING.—By not later than De-
10 cember 31, 2015, the Administrator may conduct a pilot
11 program of the Rap Back Service, in coordination with
12 the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to
13 determine the feasibility of full implementation of a service
14 through which the Administrator would be notified of a
15 change in criminal or certain civil activity of an individual
16 holding a valid credential granting unescorted access to
17 sensitive areas of airports across eligible Administration-
18 regulated populations.

19 “(d) CREDENTIAL SECURITY.—By not later than
20 September 30, 2015, the Administrator shall issue guid-
21 ance to airports mandating that all federalized airport
22 badging authorities place an expiration date on airport
23 credentials commensurate with the period of time during
24 which an individual is lawfully authorized to work in the
25 United States.

1 “(e) AVIATION WORKER LAWFUL STATUS.—By not
2 later than December 31, 2015, the Administrator shall re-
3 view the denial of credentials due to issues associated with
4 determining an applicant’s lawful status in order to iden-
5 tify airports with specific weaknesses and shall coordinate
6 with such airports to mutually address such weaknesses,
7 as appropriate.

8 “(f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Upon completion of
9 the determinations and reviews required under this sec-
10 tion, the Administrator shall brief the Committee on
11 Homeland Security and the Committee on Transportation
12 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
13 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
14 Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
15 Transportation of the Senate on the results of such deter-
16 minations and reviews.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-
19 serting after the item relating to section 1601 the fol-
20 lowing new item:

“Sec. 1602. Vetting of aviation workers.”.

21 **SEC. 3. STATUS UPDATE ON RAP BACK SERVICE PILOT**
22 **PROGRAM.**

23 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Transportation
25 Security Administration shall submit to the Committee on

1 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and
2 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
3 Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
4 Transportation of the Senate a report on the status of
5 plans to conduct a pilot program in coordination with the
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Rap Back Service
7 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 1602 of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002. The report shall include
9 details on the business, technical, and resource require-
10 ments for the Transportation Security Administration and
11 pilot program participants, and provide a timeline and
12 goals for the pilot program.

