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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. NORCROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Base Access Privileges
5 Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ACCESS TO MILI-**
2 **TARY INSTALLATIONS IN UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES FOR EXPEDITED AC-
4 CESS.—Chapter 159 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new section
6 (and conforming the table of sections at the beginning of
7 such chapter accordingly):

8 **“§ 2698. Access to military installations: standards for**
9 **entry to military installations in United**
10 **States**

11 “(a) ACCESS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN
12 UNITED STATES.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall
13 maintain access standards applicable to all military instal-
14 lations in the United States. Such standards shall require
15 screening standards appropriate to the type of installation
16 involved, the security level of the installation, the category
17 of individuals authorized to visit the installation, and the
18 level of access to be granted, including—

19 “(A) protocols to determine the fitness of the
20 individual to enter an installation; and

21 “(B) standards and methods for verifying the
22 identity of the individual.

23 “(2) In developing the standards under paragraph
24 (1), the Secretary shall, with respect to military installa-
25 tions in the United States—

1 “(A) provide for expedited access to such mili-
2 tary installations for covered individuals;

3 “(B) provide for closer scrutiny of categories of
4 individuals determined by the Secretary of Defense
5 to pose a higher potential security risk;

6 “(C) in the case of such a military installation
7 that the Secretary determines contains particularly
8 sensitive facilities, provide additional screening re-
9 quirements, as well as physical and other security
10 measures for the installation; and

11 “(D) prescribe regulations setting forth min-
12 imum criteria for the fitness of individuals to be
13 granted unescorted access to such military installa-
14 tions, taking into account individuals who hold a
15 covered Federally recognized access credential, and
16 including a process by which such individuals may
17 be eligible for expedited unescorted access.

18 “(3) Upon publication in the Federal Register of the
19 final regulations under paragraph (2)(D), the Secretary
20 shall publish the minimum criteria set forth therein on a
21 publicly accessible Internet website of the Department of
22 Defense.

23 “(4) In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary
24 shall seek to procure and field existing identification
25 screening technology (including technology to enable the

1 Secretary to validate other Federally recognized access
2 credentials) and develop additional technology only to the
3 extent necessary to assist commanders of military installa-
4 tions in the United States in implementing the standards
5 under paragraph (1) at points of entry for such installa-
6 tions.

7 “(b) SPECIFIC PROTOCOL FOR ACCESS TO MILITARY
8 INSTALLATIONS IN UNITED STATES FOR CERTAIN DELIV-
9 ERIES.—The Secretary shall ensure that the standards
10 under subsection (a) include a specific protocol for the
11 screening, prior to any delivery of a freight shipment or
12 shipment of household goods, of the identity, fitness, and
13 purpose of any individual seeking access to a military in-
14 stallation in the United States for such delivery. Under
15 such protocol—

16 “(1) the screening shall occur not less than 24
17 hours prior to the time of such delivery; and

18 “(2) if an individual is determined fit to enter
19 the installation pursuant to the screening, access
20 may only be granted upon arrival at the military in-
21 stallation on the date of the delivery, following a
22 verification of the identity of the individual.

23 “(c) UNESCORTED ACCESS TO MILITARY INSTALLA-
24 TIONS IN UNITED STATES FOR CERTAIN CIVILIANS.—The
25 Secretary shall maintain guidance regarding the granting

1 of unescorted access to military installations in the United
2 States for covered civilians and ensure such guidance is
3 circulated to the commanders of each such military instal-
4 lation. Such guidance shall—

5 “(1) identify the categories of covered civilians
6 that may obtain such unescorted access;

7 “(2) include a recommendation to issue access
8 cards that expire on the date that is two years after
9 the date of issuance, notwithstanding any change in
10 the commander of the installation or delegation of
11 authority letters issued by the previous commander;

12 “(3) be consistent across military installations
13 in the United States; and

14 “(4) be in accordance with any privileges or
15 benefits accorded under, procedures developed pur-
16 suant to, or requirements of, each covered provision
17 and subsection (a).

18 “(d) ACCESS CARDS.—The Secretary of Defense
19 shall develop access cards to be issued to individuals
20 granted access to military installations in the United
21 States. To the extent practicable, such access cards shall
22 be interoperable across the following:

23 “(1) Military installations.

24 “(2) Military departments.

25 “(3) Defense Agencies.

1 “(e) PHYSICAL ENTRANCES TO CERTAIN MILITARY
2 INSTALLATIONS.—The Secretary shall ensure that, to the
3 extent practicable—

4 “(1) each military installation in the United
5 States has a designated main entrance that, at all
6 times, is manned by at least one member of the
7 armed forces or civilian employee of the Department;

8 “(2) the location of each such designated main
9 entrance is published on a publicly accessible Inter-
10 net website of the Department;

11 “(3) if a military installation in the United
12 States has any additional entrance designated for
13 commercial deliveries to the military installation, the
14 location of such entrance (and any applicable days
15 or hours of operation for such entrance) is published
16 on the same Internet website specified in paragraph
17 (2); and

18 “(4) the information published on the Internet
19 website specified in paragraph (2) is reviewed and,
20 as necessary, updated on a basis that is not less fre-
21 quent than annually.

22 “(f) REVIEWS AND SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On
23 a basis that is not less frequent than once every five years,
24 the Secretary shall—

1 “(1) review the standards and guidance under
2 this section, and make such updates as may be de-
3 termined appropriate by the Secretary; and

4 “(2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
5 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate
6 the most recently reviewed and, as applicable, up-
7 dated version of such standards and guidance.

8 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) The term ‘covered civilian’ means an indi-
10 vidual who is not a Department of Defense per-
11 sonnel or a dependent of such personnel.

12 “(2) The term ‘covered Federally recognized ac-
13 cess credential’ means a Federally recognized access
14 credential the grant or recognition of which requires
15 vetting at a level that the Secretary of Defense de-
16 termines is commensurate with or greater than the
17 level of vetting that would otherwise be required by
18 the Secretary for the purpose concerned, and in-
19 cludes the following:

20 “(A) A Transportation Worker Identifica-
21 tion Credential.

22 “(B) A Secure Identification Display Area
23 credential issued pursuant to section 1540.5 of
24 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, or any
25 successor regulation to such section.

1 “(C) A personnel identity verification cre-
2 dential issued pursuant to the Presidential di-
3 rective of August 27, 2004, titled ‘Homeland
4 Security Presidential Directive–12’.

5 “(D) A credential accepted for purposes of
6 the Personnel Surety Program of the Chemical
7 Facilities Anti-Terrorism Program under sec-
8 tion 2102(d)(2) of the Homeland Security Act
9 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 622(d)(2)).

10 “(E) A credential issued for purposes of
11 the access authorization program of the Nu-
12 clear Regulatory Commission, or any successor
13 to such program, in accordance with part 73 of
14 title 10, Code of Federal Regulations.

15 “(3) The term ‘covered individual’ means, with
16 respect to a military installation in the United
17 States, the following:

18 “(A) A member of the armed forces or ci-
19 vilian employee of the Department of Defense,
20 or an employee or family member of such mem-
21 ber or employee, who resides, attends school, re-
22 ceives health care services, or shops at a com-
23 missary or exchange store on the installation.

24 “(B) A retired member of the armed
25 forces, including the reserve components, or a

1 family member of such retired member, who re-
2 sides, attend schools, receives health care serv-
3 ices, or shops at a commissary or exchange
4 store on the installation.

5 “(C) A covered civilian performing work at
6 the installation under a contract or subcontract
7 (at any tier), including a military construction
8 project, military family housing project, or a
9 Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Mod-
10 ernization project.

11 “(D) A motor carrier or household goods
12 motor carrier providing transportation services
13 for the United States Transportation Com-
14 mand.

15 “(E) An official who is employed by an
16 agency of the State in which the installation is
17 located that enforces laws relating to workers’
18 compensation or minimum wage with respect to
19 such State and who is seeking such access per-
20 taining to a specific military construction
21 project, military family housing project, or Fa-
22 cilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Mod-
23 ernization project.

24 “(F) A representative of any labor organi-
25 zation (as defined in section 2 of the National

1 Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 152)), includ-
2 ing a member of any labor management com-
3 mittee described in section 205A of the Labor
4 Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U.S.C.
5 175a), who is—

6 “(i) seeking access to a covered civil-
7 ian performing work at the installation
8 who is a member of such labor organiza-
9 tion—

10 “(I) in connection with a specific
11 military construction project, military
12 family housing project, or Facilities
13 Sustainment, Restoration, and Mod-
14 ernization project; or

15 “(II) pursuant to a concessions
16 or service contract subject to chapter
17 67 of title 41 (known as the ‘McNa-
18 mara-O’Hara Service Contract Act of
19 1965’); or

20 “(ii) seeking access to a covered civil-
21 ian performing work at the installation for
22 the purposes of soliciting such covered ci-
23 vilian to join such labor organization.

24 “(G) A representative of any labor organi-
25 zation (as defined in section 2 of the National

1 Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 152)), includ-
2 ing a member of any labor management com-
3 mittee described in section 205A of the Labor
4 Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U.S.C.
5 175a), or a representative of a program reg-
6 istered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-
7 monly known as the ‘National Apprenticeship
8 Act’; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), conducting a voca-
9 tional training, job fair, or similar workforce
10 development event for members of the armed
11 forces or veterans at the installation.

12 “(4) The term ‘covered provision’ means the
13 following:

14 “(A) Chapter 54 of this title.

15 “(B) Section 202 of the REAL ID Act of
16 2005 (Public Law 109–13; 49 U.S.C. 30301
17 note).

18 “(C) Section 2812 of the National Defense
19 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public
20 Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2150; 10 U.S.C. 113
21 note).

22 “(D) Sections 346 and 1050 of the Na-
23 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
24 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C.
25 113 note).

1 “(E) Section 626 of the John S. McCain
2 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
3 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat.
4 1802; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

5 “(F) Section 1090 of the William M.
6 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
7 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law
8 116–283; 134 Stat. 3879; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

9 “(5) The term ‘Federally recognized access cre-
10 dential’ means a credential authorized by Federal
11 law or otherwise issued by the head of a Federal de-
12 partment or agency that requires the vetting of an
13 individual for access to a facility, area, or program.

14 “(6) The terms ‘household goods’, ‘household
15 goods motor carrier’, and ‘motor carrier’ have the
16 meanings given those terms in section 13102 of title
17 49.

18 “(7) The terms ‘labor organization’ and ‘rep-
19 resentative’ have the meanings given those terms in
20 section 2 of the National Labor Relations Act (29
21 U.S.C. 152).

22 “(8) The term ‘military installation’ has the
23 meaning given that term in section 2801 of this
24 title.

1 “(9) The term ‘State’ means any of the several
2 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
3 of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin
4 Islands of the United States, or the Commonwealth
5 of the Northern Mariana Islands.

6 “(10) The term ‘Transportation Worker Identi-
7 fication Credential’ means a card issued pursuant to
8 section 70105 of title 46, United States Code (also
9 referred to as a ‘transportation security card’).

10 “(11) The term ‘United States’ includes each
11 State, as such term is defined in this subsection.”.

12 (b) DEADLINE FOR FIRST REVIEW AND SUBMISSION
13 TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall—

16 (1) conduct the first review of the standards
17 and guidance required under section 2698 of title
18 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a));
19 and

20 (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
21 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate
22 the reviewed and, as applicable, updated version of
23 such standards and guidance.

24 (c) MODIFICATION TO CERTAIN NOTIFICATION RE-
25 QUIREMENT.—Section 1090(b)(2)(B) of the William M.

1 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
 2 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3879;
 3 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended by striking “is” and in-
 4 serting “and, as appropriate, the Secretary of Homeland
 5 Security and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
 6 tigation, are”.

7 (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (1) REPEAL OF DUPLICATE PROVISION.—Sec-
 9 tion 1069 of the National Defense Authorization Act
 10 for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122
 11 Stat. 326) is repealed.

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO PRIOR NA-
 13 TIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT.—Section
 14 1050 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
 15 Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. 113 note; 130 Stat.
 16 2396) is amended—

17 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “Depart-
 18 ment of Defense installations” and inserting
 19 “military installations in the United States”;

20 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “Depart-
 21 ment of Defense facilities” and inserting “mili-
 22 tary installations in the United States”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 24 subsection:

25 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The terms ‘military installation’ and
2 ‘United States’ have the meanings given such terms
3 in section 2698(e) of title 10, United States Code.

4 “(2) The terms ‘Transportation Worker Identi-
5 fication Credential’ and ‘TWIC’ mean a card issued
6 pursuant to section 70105 of title 46, United States
7 Code (also referred to as a ‘transportation security
8 card’).”.

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