

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8234
OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO DES-
2 IGNATE ADDITIONAL PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO
3 SERVE AS PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENTS.**

4 Section 6109(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (22 U.S.C. 213a(b)) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
8 graph (7); and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(6) A United States citizen who, as deter-
12 mined by the Secretary, is employed by and provides
13 services through a reputable, established company or
14 institution and is commissioned or appointed as a
15 notary or notary public or otherwise authorized to
16 perform a notarization under the laws of a State,
17 district, or territorial government.”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO HAND-CARRY COU-**
2 **RIER SERVICES FOR PASSPORT APPLICA-**
3 **TIONS AND PASSPORTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall take
5 such actions as may be necessary to—

6 (1) facilitate an increase in the number of com-
7 panies certified to provide hand-carry courier serv-
8 ices; and

9 (2) increase the daily maximum number of ap-
10 plications for United States regular passports, by
11 service type, that such companies may submit to a
12 passport agency of the Department of State (com-
13 monly referred to as “meeting slots”) as part of the
14 hand-carry courier services of such company.

15 (b) HAND-CARRY COURIER SERVICE DEFINED.—In
16 this section, the term “hand-carry courier service”
17 means—

18 (1) the transport of applications for United
19 States passports to a passport agency of the Depart-
20 ment of State for processing; and

21 (2) the retrieval of newly issued United States
22 passports for delivery, directly or indirectly, to the
23 passport holder.

1 **SEC. 3. DATE OF EXPIRATION OF UNITED STATES PASS-**
2 **PORTS.**

3 The Secretary of State shall take such actions as may
4 be necessary to provide that each United States regular
5 passport issued or renewed on or after the date that is
6 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act ex-
7 pires on the same month and day of the month as the
8 date of birth of the individual associated with such pass-
9 port.

