

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 5729, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5729

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2018

Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. RICHMOND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Worker  
3 Identification Credential Accountability Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPOR-**  
5 **TATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDEN-**  
6 **TIAL BIOMETRIC READER RULE.**

7 The department in which the Coast Guard is oper-  
8 ating may not implement the rule entitled “Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)–Reader  
9 Requirements” (81 Fed. Reg. 57651), and may not pro-  
10 pose or issue a notice of proposed rulemaking for any revi-  
11 sion to such rule except to extend its effective date, or  
12 for any other rule requiring the use of biometric readers  
13 for biometric transportation security cards under section  
14 70105(k)(3) of title 46, United States Code, before the  
15 end of the 60-day period beginning on the date of the sub-  
16 mission under paragraph (5) of section 1(b) of Public Law  
17 114–278 (130 Stat. 1411 to 1412) of the results of the  
18 assessment required by that section.

19 **SEC. 3. PROGRESS UPDATES.**

20 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter until the  
22 submission under paragraph (5) of section 1(b) of Public  
23 Law 114–278 (130 Stat. 1411 et seq.) of the results of  
24 the assessment required by that section, the Secretary of  
25 Homeland Security shall report to the Committee on  
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1 Homeland Security and the Committee on Transportation  
2 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and  
3 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
4 of the Senate regarding the implementation of that sec-  
5 tion.