Amendments to H.R. 903

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 903 OFFERED BY M R. KATKO

Strike page 1, line 1, and all that follows and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Support for the TSA3 Frontline Workforce Act of 2021".

4 SEC. 2. TSA FRONTLINE PAY INCREASES.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall provide
6 salary increases and adjusted compensation to covered em7 ployees, as follows:

- 8 (1) 5 percent pay raise not later than one year9 after the date of enactment of this Act.
- 10 (2) 3 percent pay raise starting one year after
 11 the pay raise described in paragraph (1) and occur12 ring annually thereafter for three additional years.
- (3) A onetime disbursement of \$3,000 to each
 covered employee for COVID-19 Exposure Pay. Any
 payment to a covered employee under this paragraph
 shall not be—
- 17 (A) treated as basic pay of the covered em-18 ployee; and

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(B) included in total compensation of the
 covered employee when applying any limitation
 on such compensation.

4 (b) LIMITATION ON FUNDS.—Only funds specifically
5 appropriated to carry out this section or the requirements
6 therein may be used to carry out this section or the re7 quirements therein.

8 (c) COVERED EMPLOYEES DEFINED.—For purposes
9 of this Act, the term "covered employees" means—

10 (1) TSA security screeners;

11 (2) Federal Air Marshals; and

12 (3) other frontline employees determined by the
13 Administrator to provide direct security to the trav14 eling public.

15 SEC. 3. USE OF SECURITY SERVICE FEE TO PAY SALARIES
16 OF TRANSPORTATION SECURITY OFFICERS.

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including section 44940 of title 49, United 18 19 States Code, during any lapse in appropriations with re-20 spect to the Transportation Security Administration, the 21 Administrator of the Transportation Security Administra-22 tion is authorized to utilize amounts payable to the Ad-23 ministrator pursuant to the security service fee under such 24 section to pay Transportation Security officer salaries to

ensure effective continuity of security operations at air ports.

3 (b) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—If the Adminis-4 trator of the Transportation Security Administration exer-5 cises the authority provided under subsection (a), the Administrator shall notify the Committee on Homeland Secu-6 rity and the Committee on Appropriations of the House 7 8 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, 9 Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Appro-10 priations of the Senate of such exercise.

(c) TERMINATION.—The authority provided under
paragraph (1) terminates, with respect to any lapse in appropriations with respect to the Transportation Security
Administration, on the date of the enactment of any Act
making appropriations for the Transportation Security
Administration.

17 SEC. 4. REDUCTION OF TSA SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE.

18 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
19 of this Act, the Administrator shall reduce by at least 10
20 percent the number of headquarters positions at the Sen21 ior Executive Service level as calculated on the date of en22 actment of this Act.

23 SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

24 It is the sense of Congress that—

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1 (1) Congress recognized the unique national se-2 curity and public safety mission of the Transpor-3 tation Security Administration and its employees 4 when it passed the Aviation and Transportation Se-5 curity Act (Public Law 107–71) just two months 6 after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; 7

7 (2) the current personnel system of the Trans-8 portation Security Administration supports the na-9 tional security and public safety mission of the 10 Agency and its employees and provides sufficient au-11 thority for the Agency to provide a more modern, 12 agile, and favorable personnel system to its employ-13 ees than the antiquated, bureaucratic, and inflexible 14 personnel system under title 5, United States Code;

(3) Congress has continuously failed to properly
support and fund the Agency and its employees with
sufficient appropriations for the compensation of the
frontline workforce; and

(4) Congress recognizes and appreciates the
critical mission and dedication of the Agency and its
employees, the challenges of that mission, and the
need to sufficiently fund the frontline workforce.

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Page 2, strike lines 15 through 17, and insert the following:

1	(4) the term "covered position" means—
2	(A) a TSA security screener responsible
3	for carrying out screening functions pursuant to
4	section 44901 of title 49, United States Code;
5	and
6	(B) a Federal Air Marshal;

Page 3, strike lines 9 and 10.

Page 4, starting on line 9, strike "or section" and all that follows through "established" on line 11.

Page 6, strike lines 17 through 20 (and redesignate subsequent subparagraphs accordingly).

Page 15, after line 3, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 12. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

2 Nothing in this Act may be construed to apply to any
3 Transportation Security Administration personnel not
4 holding a covered position.

On page 15, strike the following:

"Amend the title so as to read: 'A bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes.'."

Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of A Substitute to H.R. 903 Offered by MRS. <u>CAMMACK</u>

Insert at the end the following new section:

1 SEC. 12. AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the Administrator's authority to immediately impose new security screening procedures or requirements, or change existing security screening procedures or requirements, to address a national security or public safety threat, as determined by the Administrator. Any such procedures or requirements shall not be subject to collective bargaining.

Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of A Substitute to H.R. 903 Offered by M<u>R</u>. <u>Guest</u>

Insert at the end the following new section:

1 SEC. 12. SUNSET WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS.

2 This Act and all requirements therein shall sunset at
3 the end of fiscal year 2022 if sufficient funds have not
4 been specifically appropriated to carry out the Act and
5 such requirements.

Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of A Substitute to H.R. 903 Offered by M<u>R</u>. <u>GIMENEZ</u>

Insert at the end the following new section:

1 SEC. 12. LIMITATION OF DHS APPROPRIATIONS.

Funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland
Security may not be utilized to carry out this Act or the
requirements therein unless specifically appropriated to
carry out this Act and the requirements therein.