

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . AUTHORITY TO USE COLLECTED FEES TO RE-**
2 **DUCE VISA WAIT TIME.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT TO THE PASSPORT ACT.—Section
4 1(b) of the Passport Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C.
5 214(b)), is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “such costs”
7 and inserting “the costs of providing consular serv-
8 ices”;

9 (2) by striking paragraph (2); and

10 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
11 graph (2).

12 (b) AUTHORITY TO USE COLLECTED FEES FOR THE
13 PURPOSES OF REDUCING VISA WAIT TIMES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, the following passport and immi-
16 grant visa surcharges collected in any fiscal year are
17 authorized to be made available for the costs of pro-
18 viding consular services, including the consular pro-

1 tection of United States citizens and their interests
2 overseas:

3 (A) Fees deposited into the Fraud Preven-
4 tion and Detection Account and made available
5 for the purposes described in section
6 286(v)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nation-
7 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(v)(2)(A)).

8 (2) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER UNOBLIGATED
9 FEE BALANCES.—

10 (A) TRANSFER OF EXISTING FEE COLLEC-
11 TION.—The unobligated balances of each
12 amount available from fees listed in section
13 7081 of the Department of State, Foreign Op-
14 erations, and Related Programs Appropriations
15 Act, 2017 (division J of Public Law 115–31)
16 are authorized to be transferred to the Consular
17 and Border Security Programs account and be-
18 tween accounts of the Department of State
19 under the heading “Administration of Foreign
20 Affairs” for the purposes described in para-
21 graph (1) of this subsection.

22 (B) TRANSFER OF OTHER AMOUNTS MADE
23 AVAILABLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN
24 AFFAIRS.—The unobligated balances of any
25 amounts made available to the Department of

1 State under the heading “Administration of
2 Foreign Affairs” by any Act are authorized to
3 be transferred to the Consular and Border Se-
4 curity Programs Account if the Secretary of
5 State determines and reports to the Committees
6 on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
7 tives and the Senate that to do so is necessary
8 to sustain consular operations, following con-
9 sultation with such Committees.

10 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
11 6(b)(3) and section 6(b)(4) of the Department of
12 State Authorities Act of 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1714 note)
13 are amended by inserting “and the provision of
14 other consular services” after “in support of en-
15 hanced border security” each place it appears.

16 (c) GOAL OF REDUCED VISA WAIT TIME.—The Sec-
17 retary of State is authorized to take such steps as may
18 be necessary and in accordance with applicable laws for
19 the goal of ensuring that 90 percent of posts have non-
20 immigrant visa wait times of 90 days or less, recognizing
21 that resource and security considerations and the need to
22 ensure provision of consular services to United States citi-
23 zens may dictate specific exceptions to this goal.

