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(Original Signature of Member)

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Department of State Authorization Act of 2023 to extend  
the special hiring authority for passport services.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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services.

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 “Cutting Passport  
5       Backlog Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SPECIAL HIRING AUTHORITY FOR**  
2 **PASSPORT SERVICES.**

3 Section 6101 of the Department of State Authoriza-  
4 tion Act of 2023 (22 U.S.C. 211a note) is amended by  
5 striking “3-year period” and inserting “5-year period”.