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H. R. 6656

To ensure Transportation Security Administration employees who contract COVID–19 are entitled to appropriate workers’ compensation and other benefits, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2020

Mrs. DEMINGS (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. COHEN, Ms. TITUS, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CORREA, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. TLAIB) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coronavirus Workers’
5 Compensation for TSA Employees Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR TSA EMPLOYEES**
2 **WHO CONTRACT COVID-19.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Any Transportation Security Ad-
4 ministration employee described in subsection (b) who is
5 diagnosed with COVID-19 during the period between
6 January 30, 2020, and January 30, 2022, shall, upon ap-
7 plication, presumptively be entitled to disability compensa-
8 tion, medical services, and any other benefit provided
9 under subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States
10 Code.

11 (b) **TSA EMPLOYEE.**—A Transportation Security
12 Administration employee described in this subsection is
13 any of the following:

- 14 (1) A transportation security officer.
15 (2) A Federal air marshal.
16 (3) A canine handler.
17 (4) Any employee carrying out duties that re-
18 quire substantial contact with the public.

19 (c) **ATTORNEYS' FEES.**—The Secretary of Labor
20 shall approve any claim of reasonable legal or other serv-
21 ices furnished with respect to a case, claim, or award for
22 any Transportation Security Administration employee
23 under this section.

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