

## **TSA Security Threat Assessment Application Modernization Act – Fact Sheet**

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**Background:** Many transportation workers across the country are required by law to hold multiple Transportation Security Administration (TSA) credentials, including the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), the Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME), and TSA PreCheck. Under the current system, the application and renewal process for these credentials are not streamlined even though they require similar information. With separate applications and varying expiration dates and fees, workers end up spending a significant amount of time and money keeping their credentials up to date.

The **TSA Security Threat Assessment Application Modernization Act** would require the agency to modify the process and fees associated with applying for or renewing certain TSA credentials to make it easier and less costly for workers to maintain their credentials. Specifically, the legislation will:

- Require TSA to create a streamlined application and renewal process for transportation workers applying for more than one credential (TWIC, HME, and PreCheck)
- Require TSA to determine a reduced fee structure for transportation workers applying for or renewing multiple credentials (TWIC, HME, and PreCheck)

Importantly, this legislation does not make any modifications to the back-end security assessment conducted on individual applicants, ensuring that applicants must undergo the same level of review as they do under current law. This bill simply modernizes the consumer-facing applicant process to reduce the burden on American transportation workers who must maintain more than one TSA credential.

**Co-leads:** House Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member John Katko (R-NY)

**Endorsing Organizations:** Teamsters; Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO; American Trucking Association

If you have any questions or would like more information about the bill, please contact Thomas Mayo ([Thomas.mayo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Thomas.mayo@mail.house.gov)) with Congressman Smith's office.