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To amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to authorize certain public libraries to collect and retain a fee for the execution of a passport application.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. BRESNAHAN, and Ms. SCANLON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Community Passport
5 Services Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**
2 **TO COLLECT AND RETAIN EXECUTION FEE**
3 **FOR PASSPORT APPLICATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of the Passport
5 Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214(a)), is amended by
6 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(4) The Secretary of State may authorize a
8 public library, organized as a non-governmental or-
9 ganization, non-profit, charitable organization, or
10 trust, to serve as a passport acceptance facility and
11 to collect and retain the execution fee for a passport
12 accepted by such public library, if such public library
13 is in compliance with the regulations prescribed by
14 the Secretary of State for the acceptance and execu-
15 tion of a passport application.”.

16 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF PRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES
17 WHICH SERVED AS PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILI-
18 TIES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 of State shall authorize each public library to serve
22 as a passport acceptance facility and to collect and
23 retain an execution fee for a passport accepted by
24 such library, if, before the date of the enactment of
25 this Act, such public library—

1 (A) served as a passport acceptance facil-
2 ity; and

3 (B) was in compliance with the regulations
4 prescribed by the Secretary of State for the ac-
5 ceptance and execution of a passport applica-
6 tion.

7 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
9 State shall submit a report to the relevant congres-
10 sional committees which includes—

11 (A) documentation of compliance with the
12 requirements of paragraph (1); or

13 (B) if such Secretary does not comply with
14 paragraph (1), an explanation for such non-
15 compliance.

16 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a)(1)
17 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 214(a)(1)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “State officials or the United
19 States Postal Service” and inserting “a State or
20 local government, the United States Postal Service,
21 or a public library which meet the requirements de-
22 scribed in paragraph (4)”;

1 (2) by striking “by such officials or by that
2 Service.” and inserting “by such State or local gov-
3 ernment, Service, or public library.”

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