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To provide for the establishment and implementation of a fingerprint processing system to be used whenever a visa is issued to an alien.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. FINGERPRINT PROCESSING SYSTEM.**

4 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Commis-
6 sioner of Immigration and Naturalization shall jointly es-
7 tablish and implement a fingerprint processing system to
8 be used whenever a visa is issued to an alien. Under the
9 system, each fingerprint shall be entered into an electronic
10 database that shall be accessed by the Immigration and

1 Naturalization Service upon the alien's entry into the
2 United States. The Immigration and Naturalization Serv-
3 ice shall certify that the fingerprint of the individual seek-
4 ing admission to the United States is a match to the fin-
5 gerprint in the database. If the fingerprint does not
6 match, the alien shall not be admitted to the United
7 States.

8 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
11 necessary for the establishment of the fingerprint proc-
12 essing system.

13 (b) VISA FEE COLLECTIONS.—The Secretary of
14 State shall increase the fees charged for the issuance of
15 visas. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each
16 amount by which a visa fee exceeds the fee in effect imme-
17 diately prior to the date of enactment of this Act shall
18 be deposited as offsetting receipts into a separate account
19 in the Treasury of the United States, to remain available
20 until expended to the Secretary of State and the Commis-
21 sioner of Immigration and Naturalization to reimburse
22 any appropriation out of which payments are made to
23 cover the costs of the use of the fingerprint processing
24 system.

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