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# H. R. 5789

To amend title 31, United States Code, to modernize cash management by allowing the use of certain obligations instead of surety bonds.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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. USE OF ELIGIBLE OBLIGATIONS INSTEAD OF**  
4 **SURETY BONDS.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE OBLIGATION.—Section  
6 9301(2) of title 31, United States Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

1 “(2) ‘eligible obligation’ means any security  
 2 designated as acceptable in lieu of a surety bond by  
 3 the Secretary of the Treasury.”.

4 (b) USE OF ELIGIBLE OBLIGATIONS INSTEAD OF  
 5 SURETY BONDS.—Section 9303(a)(2) of title 31, United  
 6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(2) as determined by the Secretary of the  
 8 Treasury, have a market value that is equal to or  
 9 greater than the amount of the required surety  
 10 bond; and”.

11 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 9303 of title  
 12 31, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**GOV-**  
 14 **ERNMENT OBLIGATIONS**” and inserting “**ELIGI-**  
 15 **BLE OBLIGATIONS**”;

16 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “Government  
 17 obligations” and inserting “eligible obligations”;

18 (3) by striking “a Government obligation” each  
 19 place that term appears and inserting “an eligible  
 20 obligation”; and

21 (4) by striking “the Government obligation”  
 22 each place that term appears and inserting “the eli-  
 23 gible obligation”.

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