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To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit further extension of requirement to implement positive train control beyond December 31, 2018, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. HECK, Mr. KILMER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Ms. DELBENE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Positive Train Control
5 Implementation and Financing Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FURTHER EXTENSION OF RE-**
2 **QUIREMENT TO IMPLEMENT POSITIVE TRAIN**
3 **CONTROL.**

4 Section 20157 of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

7 (A) by striking subparagraph (B);

8 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C)
9 and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
10 tively;

11 (C) in subparagraph (B) (as redesignated
12 by subparagraph (B)) by striking “, including
13 any alternative schedule and sequence, as appli-
14 cable,”; and

15 (D) in subparagraph (C) (as redesignated
16 by subparagraph (B)) by striking “including
17 any amendments or any alternative schedule
18 and sequence approved by the Secretary under
19 paragraph (3)” and inserting “including any
20 amendments to such plan”;

21 (2) by striking subsection (a)(3);

22 (3) in subsection (c)(1)(C) by striking “or sub-
23 section (a)(2)(B)”;

24 (4) in subsection (c)(2) by striking “or any al-
25 ternative schedule and sequence approved by the
26 Secretary”;

1 (5) in subsection (e)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2) by inserting “and” at
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “sub-
5 section (a)(2)(C); and” and inserting “sub-
6 section (a)(2)(B).”; and

7 (C) by striking paragraph (4); and

8 (6) by striking subsection (g)(4)(A)(iii) and in-
9 serting the following:

10 “(iii) requiring the submission, as
11 part of the revised plan under subsection
12 (a)(1), of only a schedule and sequence
13 under subsection (a)(2)(A)(iii)(VII).”.

14 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES TO IMPLEMENT**
15 **POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL.**

16 Section 20157 of title 49, United States Code, is fur-
17 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(m) GRANTS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES TO IMPLE-
19 MENT POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
21 grants to entities providing regularly scheduled
22 intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation
23 to implement positive train control systems under
24 this section.

1 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
2 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
3 retary to carry out paragraph (1) \$2,572,000,000,
4 to remain available until December 31, 2018.”.

5 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF CERTAIN NEW**
6 **ROUTES.**

7 Section 20157 of title 49, United States Code, is fur-
8 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(n) PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF CERTAIN NEW
10 ROUTES.—An entity providing regularly scheduled inter-
11 city or commuter rail passenger transportation may not
12 begin service on any new route that is subject to the re-
13 quirements of this section unless a positive train control
14 system is fully implemented and operational on such
15 route.”.

16 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

17 (a) QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL PROGRESS RE-
18 PORTS.—Amtrak shall include in each annual progress re-
19 port required under 20157(c) of title 49, United States
20 Code, and each quarterly progress report required by the
21 Federal Railroad Administration a detailed status report
22 on the progress made toward implementing a positive
23 train control system on each route Amtrak owns or oper-
24 ates intercity passenger rail transportation, including the
25 Northeast Corridor, each long distance route, and each

1 State-supported route. Amtrak shall provide such informa-
2 tion by route and include, at a minimum, the information
3 required on the Federal Railroad Administration's Quar-
4 terly PTC Progress Report Form (FRA F 6180.165).

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms
6 “Northeast Corridor”, “long distance route”, and “State-
7 supported route” have the meanings given the terms in
8 section 24102 of title 49, United States Code.

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