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# H. R. 3193

To modify the treatment of deadlines for emergency relief funds awarded by the Secretary of Transportation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. HILL of California, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BERA, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. VARGAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Emer-  
5       gency Relief Funds Availability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**  
2 **REGULATION.**

3 Section 668.105(h) of title 23, Code of Federal Regu-  
4 lations, is repealed.

5 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS EMERGENCY RELIEF**  
6 **FUNDS.**

7 Section 125 of title 23, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking subsection (d)(4); and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(h) IMPOSITION OF DEADLINE.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
13 provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation  
14 may not require any project funded pursuant to this  
15 section to advance to the construction obligation  
16 stage before the date that is the last day of the sixth  
17 fiscal year after the later of—

18 “(A) the date on which the Governor de-  
19 clared the emergency, as described in subsection  
20 (d)(1)(A); or

21 “(B) the date on which the President de-  
22 clared the emergency to be a major disaster, as  
23 described in such subsection.

24 “(2) EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.—If the Sec-  
25 retary imposes a deadline for advancement to the  
26 construction obligation stage pursuant to paragraph

1 (1), the Secretary may, upon the request of the Gov-  
 2 ernor of the State, issue an extension of not more  
 3 than 1 year to complete such advancement, and may  
 4 issue additional extensions after the expiration of  
 5 any extension, if the Secretary determines the Gov-  
 6 ernor of the State has provided suitable justification  
 7 to warrant an extension.”.

8 **SEC. 4. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF**  
 9 **FUNDS.**

10 Section 5324 of title 49, United States Code, is  
 11 amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(f) IMPOSITION OF DEADLINE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
 14 provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation  
 15 may not require any project funded pursuant to this  
 16 section to advance to the construction obligation  
 17 stage before the date that is the last day of the sixth  
 18 fiscal year after the later of—

19 “(A) the date on which the Governor de-  
 20 clared the emergency, as described in subsection  
 21 (a)(1); or

22 “(B) the date on which the President de-  
 23 clared a major disaster, as described in such  
 24 subsection.

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