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# H. R. 4700

To amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize pipeline safety programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2019

Mr. UPTON (for himself, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. LATTA, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. FLORES, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. OLSON, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Mr. SHIMKUS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Pipeline Safety Act  
5 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.—There are authorized  
3 to be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation for  
4 the necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and  
5 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration the following  
6 amounts:

7 (1) \$24,215,000 for fiscal year 2020.

8 (2) \$24,941,450 for fiscal year 2021.

9 (b) GAS AND HAZARDOUS LIQUID.—Section  
10 60125(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraphs  
12 (A) through (D) and inserting the following:

13 “(A) \$160,800,000 for fiscal year 2020, of  
14 which \$10,000,000 shall be expended for car-  
15 rying out such section 12 and \$60,000,000  
16 shall be expended for making grants; and

17 “(B) \$165,624,000 for fiscal year 2021 of  
18 which \$10,000,000 shall be expended for car-  
19 rying out such section 12 and \$61,800,000  
20 shall be expended for making grants.”;

21 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraphs  
22 (A) through (D) and inserting the following:

23 “(A) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, of  
24 which \$5,000,000 shall be expended for car-  
25 rying out such section 12 and \$9,000,000 shall  
26 be expended for making grants; and

1           “(B) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2021, of  
2           which \$5,000,000 shall be expended for car-  
3           rying out such section 12 and \$9,000,000 shall  
4           be expended for making grants.”; and

5           (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$8,000,000  
6           for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2019” and in-  
7           serting “\$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020  
8           through 2021”.

9           (c) EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS.—Section  
10          60125(b)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended  
11          by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012  
12          through 2015” and inserting “\$12,000,000 for each of fis-  
13          cal years 2020 through 2021”.

14          (d) PIPELINE SAFETY INFORMATION GRANTS TO  
15          COMMUNITIES.—Section 60130(c) of title 49, United  
16          States Code, is amended by striking “section 2(b) of the  
17          PIPES Act of 2016, the Secretary shall expend  
18          \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2019  
19          to carry out this section” and inserting “section 2(a) of  
20          the Pipeline Safety Act of 2019, the Secretary shall ex-  
21          pend \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through  
22          2021 to carry out this section”.

23          (e) STATE DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—Sec-  
24          tion 60134(i) of title 49, United States Code is amended  
25          by striking “\$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2012

1 through 2015” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each of fis-  
2 cal years 2020 through 2021”.

3 (f) ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION PROGRAMS.—Section  
4 6107 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
5 ing “\$1,058,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through  
6 2019” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
7 2020 through 2021”.

8 **SEC. 3. PIPELINE SAFETY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

9 (a) DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR PIPELINE AND  
10 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.—

11 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator of the  
12 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Adminis-  
13 tration may appoint qualified candidates to positions  
14 described in paragraph (2) without regard to sec-  
15 tions 3309 through 3319 of title 5, United States  
16 Code.

17 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The authority under  
18 paragraph (1) applies with respect to candidates for  
19 any position that would likely allow increased activi-  
20 ties relating to pipeline safety, as determined by the  
21 Administrator.

22 (3) TERMINATION.—The authority to make ap-  
23 pointments under this subsection shall not be avail-  
24 able after September 30, 2021.

1       (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through  
3 calendar year 2021, the Administrator of the Pipeline and  
4 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration shall submit  
5 to Congress a report on the efforts of the Administration  
6 to hire women, minorities, and veterans as inspectors since  
7 January 1, 2012.

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