

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3729

AN ACT

To provide relief for the recipients of financial assistance awards from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Motor Carrier Safety
3 Grant Relief Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. RELIEF FOR RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSIST-**
5 **ANCE AWARDS FROM THE FEDERAL MOTOR**
6 **CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.**

7 (a) **DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.**—In this section, the
8 term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

9 (b) **RELIEF FOR RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSIST-**
10 **ANCE AWARDED FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 AND 2020.**—

11 (1) **PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.**—

12 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any
13 provision of chapter 311 of title 49, United
14 States Code (including any applicable period of
15 availability under section 31104(f) of that title),
16 and any regulations promulgated under that
17 chapter and subject to subparagraph (B), the
18 period of availability during which a recipient
19 may expend amounts made available to the re-
20 cipient under a grant or cooperative agreement
21 described in clauses (i) through (v) shall be—

22 (i) for a grant made under section
23 31102 of that title (other than subsection
24 (l) of that section)—

25 (I) the fiscal year in which the
26 Secretary approves the financial as-

1 assistance agreement with respect to the
2 grant; and

3 (II) the following 2 fiscal years;

4 (ii) for a grant made or a cooperative
5 agreement entered into under section
6 31102(l)(2) of that title—

7 (I) the fiscal year in which the
8 Secretary approves the financial as-
9 sistance agreement with respect to the
10 grant or cooperative agreement; and

11 (II) the following 3 fiscal years;

12 (iii) for a grant made under section
13 31102(l)(3) of that title—

14 (I) the fiscal year in which the
15 Secretary approves the financial as-
16 sistance agreement with respect to the
17 grant; and

18 (II) the following 5 fiscal years;

19 (iv) for a grant made under section
20 31103 of that title—

21 (I) the fiscal year in which the
22 Secretary approves the financial as-
23 sistance agreement with respect to the
24 grant; and

1 (II) the following 2 fiscal years;

2 and

3 (v) for a grant made or a cooperative
4 agreement entered into under section
5 31313 of that title—

6 (I) the year in which the Sec-
7 retary approves the financial assist-
8 ance agreement with respect to the
9 grant or cooperative agreement; and

10 (II) the following 5 fiscal years.

11 (B) APPLICABILITY.—

12 (i) AMOUNTS AWARDED FOR FISCAL
13 YEARS 2019 AND 2020.—The periods of
14 availability described in subparagraph (A)
15 shall apply only—

16 (I) to amounts awarded for fiscal
17 year 2019 or 2020 under a grant or
18 cooperative agreement described in
19 clauses (i) through (v) of that sub-
20 paragraph; and

21 (II) for the purpose of expanding
22 the period of availability during which
23 the recipient may expend the amounts
24 described in subclause (I).

1 (ii) AMOUNTS AWARDED FOR OTHER
2 YEARS.—The periods of availability de-
3 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall not
4 apply to any amounts awarded under a
5 grant or cooperative agreement described
6 in clauses (i) through (v) of that subpara-
7 graph for any fiscal year other than fiscal
8 year 2019 or 2020, and those amounts
9 shall be subject to the period of availability
10 otherwise applicable to those amounts
11 under Federal law.

12 (2) REALLOCATION OF RELEASED FUNDS.—
13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any
14 amounts released back to the Secretary under sec-
15 tion 31104(i) of title 49, United States Code, that
16 were made available to the Secretary under section
17 31104(a) of that title for fiscal year 2019 or 2020
18 shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations
19 under Federal law.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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