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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOST (for himself, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. STAUBER, and Ms. WILD) 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 “Truck Parking Safety
5 Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARKING FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that it should be a national priority to address the
4 shortage of parking for commercial motor vehicles on the
5 Federal-aid Highway System to improve highway safety.

6 (b) PARKING FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.—Chapter
7 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding
8 at the end the following:

9 **“§ 171. Parking for commercial vehicles**

10 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—In addition to the amounts
11 authorized under section 1101 of the FAST Act, there is
12 authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust
13 Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) the following
14 amounts to provide providing parking for commercial
15 motor vehicles on Federal-aid highways:

16 “(1) \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.

17 “(2) \$140,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

18 “(3) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

19 “(4) \$165,000,000 for fiscal year 2025.

20 “(5) \$175,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.

21 “(b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall pro-
22 vide grants from funds made available under subsection
23 (a), on a competitive basis, for projects to provide parking
24 for commercial motor vehicles on Federal-aid highways or
25 on a facility with reasonable access to—

26 “(1) a Federal-aid highway; or

1 “(2) a freight facility.

2 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
3 this subsection, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an
4 application at such time and in such manner as the Sec-
5 retary may require.

6 “(d) APPLICATION CONTENTS.—An application
7 under subsection (c) shall contain—

8 “(1) a description of the proposed project; and

9 “(2) any other information that the Secretary
10 may require.

11 “(e) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The following entities
12 shall be eligible to receive amounts under this section:

13 “(1) A State.

14 “(2) Any public agency carrying out responsibil-
15 ities relating to commercial motor vehicle parking.

16 “(3) A metropolitan planning organization.

17 “(4) A local government.

18 “(f) PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION.—An eligible
19 entity that receives a grant under this section may partner
20 with a private entity to carry out an eligible project under
21 this section.

22 “(g) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity may use funds
24 provided under this section only for projects de-
25 scribed in paragraph (2) that are located—

1 “(A) on a Federal-aid highway; or

2 “(B) on a facility with reasonable access

3 to—

4 “(i) a Federal-aid highway; or

5 “(ii) a freight facility.

6 “(2) PROJECTS DESCRIBED.—A project re-

7 ferred to in paragraph (1) is a project to—

8 “(A) construct safety rest areas (as such

9 term is defined in section 120(c)) that include

10 parking for commercial motor vehicles;

11 “(B) construct commercial motor vehicle

12 parking facilities—

13 “(i) adjacent to private commercial

14 truck stops and travel plazas;

15 “(ii) within the boundaries of, or adja-

16 cent to, a publicly owned freight facility,

17 including a port terminal operated by a

18 public authority; and

19 “(iii) at existing facilities, including

20 inspection and weigh stations and park-

21 and-ride locations; and

22 “(C) convert existing weigh stations and

23 rest areas to facilities for the exclusive use of

24 commercial motor vehicle parking.

25 “(h) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Entities may use alloca-
2 tions under this subsection for the following activi-
3 ties of an eligible project:

4 “(A) Development phase activities, includ-
5 ing planning, feasibility analysis, benefit-cost
6 analysis, environmental review, preliminary en-
7 gineering and design work, and other pre-
8 construction activities.

9 “(B) Construction, reconstruction, rehabili-
10 tation, acquisition of real property, environ-
11 mental mitigation, construction contingencies,
12 acquisition of equipment, and operational im-
13 provements directly related to expanding com-
14 mercial motor vehicle parking.

15 “(2) LIMITATION.—An entity may not use more
16 than 25 percent of a grant under this subsection for
17 activities described in paragraph (1)(A).

18 “(i) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this sub-
19 section, the Secretary shall give priority to entities that—

20 “(1) demonstrate a safety need for commercial
21 motor vehicle parking capacity in the corridor in
22 which the project described under subsection (d)(1)
23 is proposed to be carried out;

24 “(2) have consulted with affected State and
25 local governments, trucking organizations, and pri-

1 vate providers of commercial motor vehicle parking,
2 including truck stop and travel plaza operators;

3 “(3) demonstrate that the project described
4 under subsection (d)(1) will likely—

5 “(A) increase commercial motor vehicle
6 parking capacity;

7 “(B) facilitate the efficient movement of
8 freight; and

9 “(C) improve highway safety, traffic con-
10 gestion, and air quality;

11 “(4) demonstrate the ability to provide for the
12 maintenance and operation cost necessary to keep
13 the facility available for use after completion of con-
14 struction; and

15 “(5) demonstrate the ability to leverage private
16 and non-federal funds for the project.

17 “(j) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other
18 provision of law, the Federal share for a project carried
19 out under this subsection shall be 100 percent.

20 “(k) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding sec-
21 tion 126, funds made available under this subsection shall
22 remain available until expended and shall not be transfer-
23 able.

24 “(l) PROHIBITION ON CHARGING FEES.—To be eligi-
25 ble for a grant under this section, an entity shall agree

1 that no fees will be charged for a commercial motor vehicle
2 to access and park at any part of the facility constructed
3 with funds made available under this subsection.

4 “(m) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS.—Not less than
5 3 days before making a grant for a project under this sec-
6 tion, the Secretary shall notify, in writing, the Committee
7 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
8 Representatives and the Committee on the Environment
9 and Public Works of the Senate of the—

10 “(1) the amount of each proposed grant to be
11 made under this subsection; and

12 “(2) evaluation and justification for the project
13 selection.

14 “(n) SURVEY AND COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
16 after the date of enactment of this subsection, and
17 every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary, in consulta-
18 tion with appropriate State motor carrier safety per-
19 sonnel and State departments of transportation,
20 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
21 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
22 and the Committee on the Environment and Public
23 Works of the Senate a report that—

24 “(A) evaluates the capability of the States
25 to provide adequate parking and rest facilities

1 for commercial motor vehicles engaged in inter-
2 state transportation;

3 “(B) evaluates the effectiveness of the
4 projects funded under this subsection in im-
5 proving access to truck parking;

6 “(C) evaluates the ability of entities receiv-
7 ing a grant under this subsection to sustain the
8 operation of parking facilities constructed with
9 funds provided under this subsection; and

10 “(D) reports on the progress being made
11 to provide adequate commercial motor vehicle
12 parking facilities in the State.

13 “(2) RESULTS.—The Secretary shall make the
14 report under paragraph (1) available to the public
15 on the website of the Department of Transportation.

16 “(o) TREATMENT OF PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding
17 any other provision of law, a project carried out under this
18 section shall be treated as if the project is located on a
19 Federal-aid highway under this chapter.

20 “(p) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE DEFINED.—In
21 this section, the term ‘commercial motor vehicle’ has the
22 meaning given such term in section 31132 of title 49.”.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
3 ing after the item relating to section 171 the following:

“171. Parking for commercial vehicles.”.

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