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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) 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 “Bus Parity and Clarity
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF EQUAL ACCESS FOR OVER-THE-**
7 **ROAD BUSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) TOLL ROADS, BRIDGES, TUNNELS, AND
FERRIES.—Section 129(a) of title 23, United States
Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (9)(A) by striking “that
serves the public” and inserting “in scheduled
or charter service”; and

(B) in paragraph (11) by adding at the
end the following:

“(F) CHARTER SERVICE.—The term ‘char-
ter service’ has the meaning given the term in
part 604 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
tions.”.

(2) HOV FACILITIES.—Section 166 of title 23,
United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(3)(C) by striking
“serving the public” and inserting “in sched-
uled or charter service”; and

(B) in subsection (f) by adding at the end
the following:

“(7) CHARTER SERVICE.—The term ‘charter
service’ has the meaning given the term in part 604
of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

(b) VALUE PRICING PILOT PROGRAM.—In carrying
out a value pricing pilot program under section 1012(b)
of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act

1 of 1991 (23 U.S.C. 149 note), a public authority with ju-
2 risdiction over a toll facility shall provide to an over-the-
3 road bus in scheduled or charter service access to a toll
4 facility under the same rates, terms, and conditions as a
5 public transportation vehicle, consistent with section
6 129(a)(9) of title 23, United States Code.

7 (c) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
9 the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration
10 shall publish on a publicly available website a unified data-
11 base containing information with respect to the rates,
12 terms, and conditions of each toll facility covered under
13 the equal access provisions described in sections 129(a)(9)
14 and 166(b)(3) of title 23, United States Code.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

16 (1) CHARTER SERVICE.—The term “charter
17 service” has the meaning given the term in part 604
18 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

19 (2) OVER-THE-ROAD BUS.—The term “over-the-
20 road bus” has the meaning given the term in section
21 301 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
22 (42 U.S.C. 12181).

23 (3) PUBLIC AUTHORITY; TOLL FACILITY.—The
24 terms “public authority” and “toll facility” have the

1 meanings given the terms in section 129(a) of title
2 23, United States Code.

3 (4) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE.—The
4 term “public transportation vehicle” has the mean-
5 ing given the term in section 166 of title 23, United
6 States Code.

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