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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOST (for himself and Ms. CRAIG) 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”.

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

7 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
8 gress that it should be a national priority to address the

1 shortage of parking for commercial motor vehicles on the
 2 Federal-aid Highway System to improve highway safety.

3 (b) PARKING FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.—Chapter
 4 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding
 5 at the end the following:

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

7 “(a) SET ASIDE.—Before making an apportionment
 8 for a fiscal year under paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (5) of
 9 section 104(b), the Secretary shall set aside, from
 10 amounts made available to carry out the national highway
 11 performance program under section 119, the surface
 12 transportation block grant program under section 133, the
 13 highway safety improvement program under section 148,
 14 and the national highway freight program under section
 15 167, for such fiscal year, amounts described in subsection
 16 (b) of this section for providing parking for commercial
 17 motor vehicles on Federal-aid highways.

18 “(b) AMOUNTS DESCRIBED.—The amounts referred to
 19 in this subsection are at least—

20 “(1) \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

21 “(2) \$140,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

22 “(3) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

23 “(4) \$165,000,000 for fiscal year 2024; and

24 “(5) \$175,000,000 for fiscal year 2025.

1 “(c) DISTRIBUTION AMONG PROGRAMS.—The
2 amounts described in subsection (b) shall be determined
3 by multiplying the set aside amount for a fiscal year by
4 the ratio that—

5 “(1) the total initial apportionment for each
6 program described in subsection (a) for a fiscal year;
7 bears to

8 “(2) the total initial apportionment for all pro-
9 grams described in subsection (a) for such fiscal
10 year.

11 “(d) DISTRIBUTION AMONG STATES.—The amounts
12 described in subsection (c) shall be set-aside from the
13 States as determined by multiplying the set aside amount
14 for each program by the ratio that—

15 “(1) the initial apportionment for a State for
16 such program described in subsection (c) for a fiscal
17 year; bears to

18 “(2) the total initial apportionment for all
19 States for such program described in subsection (c)
20 for such fiscal year.

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

1 “(1) a Federal-aid highway; or

2 “(2) a freight facility.

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

7 “(g) APPLICATION CONTENTS.—An application
8 under subsection (f) shall contain—

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

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

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

14 “(1) A State.

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

17 “(3) A metropolitan planning organization.

18 “(4) A local government.

19 “(i) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

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

23 “(A) on a Federal-aid highway; or

24 “(B) on a facility with reasonable access
25 to—

1 “(i) a Federal-aid highway; or

2 “(ii) a freight facility.

3 “(2) PROJECTS DESCRIBED.—A project re-
4 ferred to in paragraph (1) is a project to—

5 “(A) construct safety rest areas (as such
6 term is defined in section 120(c)) that include
7 parking for commercial motor vehicles;

8 “(B) construct commercial motor vehicle
9 parking facilities—

10 “(i) adjacent to private commercial
11 truck stops and travel plazas;

12 “(ii) within the boundaries of, or adja-
13 cent to, a publicly owned freight facility,
14 including a port terminal operated by a
15 public authority; and

16 “(iii) at existing facilities, including
17 inspection and weigh stations and park-
18 and-ride locations; and

19 “(C) convert existing weigh stations and
20 rest areas to facilities for the exclusive use of
21 commercial motor vehicle parking.

22 “(j) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

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

1 “(A) Development phase activities, includ-
2 ing planning, feasibility analysis, benefit-cost
3 analysis, environmental review, preliminary en-
4 gineering and design work, and other precon-
5 struction activities.

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

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

15 “(k) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this sub-
16 section, the Secretary shall give priority to entities that—

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

21 “(2) have consulted with affected State and
22 local governments, trucking organizations, and pri-
23 vate providers of commercial motor vehicle parking;

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

1 “(A) increase commercial motor vehicle
2 parking capacity;

3 “(B) facilitate the efficient movement of
4 freight; and

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

7 “(4) demonstrate the ability to provide for the
8 maintenance and operation cost necessary to keep
9 the facility available for use after completion of con-
10 struction.

11 “(l) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of law, the Federal share for a project carried
13 out under this subsection shall be 100 percent.

14 “(m) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding sec-
15 tion 126, funds made available under this subsection shall
16 remain available until expended and shall not be transfer-
17 able.

18 “(n) PROHIBITION ON CHARGING FEES.—To be eli-
19 gible for a grant under this section, an entity shall agree
20 that no fees will be charged for a commercial motor vehicle
21 to access and park at any part of the facility constructed
22 with funds made available under this subsection.

23 “(o) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS.—Not less than 3
24 days before making a grant for a project under this sec-
25 tion, the Secretary shall notify, in writing, the Committee

1 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
2 Representatives and the Committee on the Environment
3 and Public Works of the Senate of the—

4 “(1) the amount of each proposed grant to be
5 made under this subsection;

6 “(2) evaluation and justification for the project
7 selection.

8 “(p) SURVEY AND COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT.—

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

18 “(A) evaluates the capability of the States
19 to provide adequate parking and rest facilities
20 for commercial motor vehicles engaged in inter-
21 state transportation;

22 “(B) evaluates the effectiveness of the
23 projects funded under this subsection in im-
24 proving access to truck parking;

1 “(C) evaluates the ability of entities receiv-
2 ing a grant under this subsection to sustain the
3 operation of parking facilities constructed with
4 funds provided under this subsection; and

5 “(D) reports on the progress being made
6 to provide adequate commercial motor vehicle
7 parking facilities in the State.

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

11 “(q) TREATMENT OF PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding
12 any other provision of law, a project carried out under this
13 section shall be treated as if the project is located on a
14 Federal-aid highway under this chapter.

15 “(r) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE DEFINED.—In
16 this section, the term ‘commercial motor vehicle’ has the
17 meaning given such term in section 31132 of title 49.”.

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

“171. Parking for commercial vehicles.”.

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