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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2020

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Motor Carrier Safety
5 Grant Relief Act of 2020”.

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

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

6 (b) RELIEF FOR RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSIST-
 7 ANCE AWARDED FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 AND 2020.—

8 (1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—

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

19 (i) for a grant made under section
 20 31102 of that title (other than subsection
 21 (l) of that section)—

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

26 (II) the following 2 fiscal years;

1 (ii) for a grant made or a cooperative
2 agreement entered into under section
3 31102(l)(2) of that title—

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

8 (II) the following 3 fiscal years;

9 (iii) for a grant made under section
10 31102(l)(3) of that title—

11 (I) the fiscal year in which the
12 Secretary approves the financial as-
13 sistance agreement with respect to the
14 grant; and

15 (II) the following 5 fiscal years;

16 (iv) for a grant made under section
17 31103 of that title—

18 (I) the fiscal year in which the
19 Secretary approves the financial as-
20 sistance agreement with respect to the
21 grant; and

22 (II) the following 2 fiscal years;

23 and

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

(I) the year in which the Secretary approves the financial assistance agreement with respect to the grant or cooperative agreement; and

(II) the following 5 fiscal years.

(B) APPLICABILITY.—

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

(I) to amounts awarded for fiscal year 2019 or 2020 under a grant or cooperative agreement described in clauses (i) through (v) of that subparagraph; and

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

(ii) AMOUNTS AWARDED FOR OTHER YEARS.—The periods of availability described in subparagraph (A) shall not

1 apply to any amounts awarded under a
2 grant or cooperative agreement described
3 in clauses (i) through (v) of that subpara-
4 graph for any fiscal year other than fiscal
5 year 2019 or 2020, and those amounts
6 shall be subject to the period of availability
7 otherwise applicable to those amounts
8 under Federal law.

9 (2) REALLOCATION OF RELEASED FUNDS.—

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

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