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[Report No. 118–930]

To amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to streamline the environmental review process for major projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAWFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DECEMBER 19, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. GARAMENDI

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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. ONE FEDERAL DECISION FOR PORTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 543 of title 46, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 54302. Efficient environmental reviews and one**
8 **Federal decision**

9 “(a) EFFICIENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
11 tation shall apply the project development proce-
12 dures, to the greatest extent feasible, described in
13 section 139 of title 23 to any port infrastructure
14 project that requires the approval of the Secretary
15 under the National Environmental Policy Act of
16 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

17 “(2) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.—In car-
18 rying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall incor-
19 porate into agency regulations and procedures per-
20 taining to port infrastructure projects described in
21 paragraph (1) aspects of such project development
22 procedures, or portions thereof, determined appro-
23 priate by the Secretary in a manner consistent with
24 this section, that increase the efficiency of the review
25 of port infrastructure projects.

1 “(3) DISCRETION.—The Secretary may choose
2 not to incorporate into agency regulations and proce-
3 dures pertaining to port infrastructure projects de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1) such project development
5 procedures that could only feasibly apply to highway
6 projects, public transportation capital projects, and
7 multimodal projects.

8 “(4) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (l) of section
9 139 of title 23 shall apply to port infrastructure
10 projects described in paragraph (1), except that the
11 limitation on claims of 150 days shall be 2 years.

12 “(b) ADDITIONAL CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.—The
13 Secretary shall maintain and make publicly available, in-
14 cluding on the Internet, a database that identifies project-
15 specific information on the use of a categorical exclusion
16 on any port infrastructure project carried out under this
17 title.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
19 ter 543 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by
20 adding at the end the following:

“54302. Efficient environmental reviews and one Federal decision.”.

21 **SEC. 2. ONE FEDERAL DECISION FOR PIPELINES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 601 of title 49, United
23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

1 **“§ 60144. Efficient environmental reviews and one**
2 **Federal decision**

3 “(a) EFFICIENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation shall apply the project development proce-
6 dures, to the greatest extent feasible, described in
7 section 139 of title 23 to any pipeline project that
8 requires the approval of the Secretary under the Na-
9 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
10 4321 et seq.).

11 “(2) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.—In car-
12 rying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall incor-
13 porate into agency regulations and procedures per-
14 taining to pipeline projects described in paragraph
15 (1) aspects of such project development procedures,
16 or portions thereof, determined appropriate by the
17 Secretary in a manner consistent with this section,
18 that increase the efficiency of the review of pipeline
19 projects.

20 “(3) DISCRETION.—The Secretary may choose
21 not to incorporate into agency regulations and proce-
22 dures pertaining to pipeline projects described in
23 paragraph (1) such project development procedures
24 that could only feasibly apply to highway projects,
25 public transportation capital projects, and
26 multimodal projects.

1 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “coordinated
2 and expedited environmental review process require-
3 ments set forth in this section” and inserting
4 “project development procedures described in sub-
5 section (a)”; and

6 (3) by striking subsections (c) through (m) and
7 inserting the following:

8 “(c) EFFICIENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS.—

9 “(1) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.—In car-
10 rying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall incor-
11 porate into agency regulations and procedures per-
12 taining to airport or aviation projects described in
13 subsection (b) aspects of such project development
14 procedures, or portions thereof, determined appro-
15 priate by the Secretary in a manner consistent with
16 this section, that increase the efficiency of the review
17 of such projects.

18 “(2) DISCRETION.—The Secretary may choose
19 not to incorporate into agency regulations and proce-
20 dures pertaining to airport or aviation projects de-
21 scribed in subsection (b) such project development
22 procedures that could only feasibly apply to highway
23 projects, public transportation capital projects, and
24 multimodal projects.

1 “(3) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (1) of section
2 139 of title 23 shall apply to airport or aviation
3 projects described in subsection (b).

4 “(d) ADDITIONAL CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.—The
5 Secretary shall maintain and make publicly available, in-
6 cluding on the Internet, a database that identifies project-
7 specific information on the use of a categorical exclusion
8 on any airport or aviation project carried out under this
9 title.”.

10 **SEC. 4. EFFICIENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS.**

11 Section 24201(a)(4) of title 49, United States Code,
12 is amended by striking “, except that the limitation on
13 claims of 150 days shall be 2 years”.

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