

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 651

To provide for certain tunnel life safety and rehabilitation projects for
Amtrak.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2009

Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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projects for Amtrak.

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 “Northeast Corridor
5 Rail Tunnel Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
8 retary of Transportation \$898,000,000, to remain avail-
9 able until expended, for the use of Amtrak to complete

1 New York tunnel life safety projects and to rehabilitate
2 tunnels in Washington, DC, and Baltimore, Maryland.

3 **SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**

4 The Secretary shall not make funds appropriated
5 under section 2 available to Amtrak for a project unless
6 the Secretary has received from Amtrak and has approved
7 an engineering and financial plan for that project.

8 **SEC. 4. INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.**

9 The Inspector General of the Department of Trans-
10 portation shall conduct and transmit to the Congress an
11 annual review to determine whether the expenditure and
12 obligation of funds made available under this Act are con-
13 sistent with the purposes for which those funds are made
14 available.

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