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H. R. 7961

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2024

Mr. MFUME (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. IVEY) 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 “Baltimore Bridge Re-
5 sponse Invests and Delivers Global Economic Relief Act”
6 or the “Baltimore BRIDGE Relief Act”.

1 SEC. 2. FINDING.

2 Congress finds that, in accordance with section
3 668.105(e) of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (or
4 a successor regulation), any compensation for damages or
5 insurance proceeds, including interest, recovered by a
6 State, a political subdivision of a State, or a toll authority
7 for repair, including reconstruction, of the bridge de-
8 scribed in section 3 in response to the damage described
9 in that section should be used on receipt to reduce liability
10 on the repair, including reconstruction, of that bridge
11 from the emergency fund authorized under section 125 of
12 title 23, United States Code.

**13 SEC. 3. FEDERAL SHARE FOR CERTAIN EMERGENCY RE-
14 LIEF PROJECTS.**

15 Notwithstanding subsection (e) of section 120 of title
16 23, United States Code, the Federal share for emergency
17 relief funds made available under section 125 of that title
18 to respond to damage caused by the cargo ship Dali to
19 the Francis Scott Key Bridge located in Baltimore City
20 and Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland, in-
21 cluding reconstruction of that bridge and its approaches,
22 shall be 100 percent.

23 SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

24 This Act shall take effect as if enacted on March 26,
25 2024.