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To implement a pilot program to establish truck parking facilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Jason’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. TRUCK PARKING FACILITIES.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In cooperation with appro-
7 priate State, regional, and local governments, the Sec-
8 retary of Transportation (referred to in this Act as the
9 “Secretary”) shall implement a pilot program to address
10 the shortage of long-term parking for commercial motor
11 vehicles on the National Highway System.

1 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allocate
3 funds made available to carry out this section among
4 States, metropolitan planning organizations, and
5 local governments.

6 (2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for an allo-
7 cation under this section, a State (as defined in sec-
8 tion 101(a) of title 23, United States Code), metro-
9 politan planning organization, or local government
10 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such
11 time and containing such information as the Sec-
12 retary may require.

13 (3) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Funds allocated under
15 this subsection shall be used by the recipient for
16 projects described in an application approved by
17 the Secretary.

18 (B) TYPES OF PROJECTS.—A project car-
19 ried out using funds allocated under this sub-
20 section—

21 (i) shall serve the National Highway
22 System; and

23 (ii) may include—

24 (I) construction of safety rest
25 areas (as defined in section 120(c) of

1 title 23, United States Code) that in-
2 clude parking for commercial motor
3 vehicles;

4 (II) construction of commercial
5 motor vehicle parking facilities adja-
6 cent to commercial truck stops and
7 travel plazas;

8 (III) the opening of existing fa-
9 cilities to commercial motor vehicle
10 parking, including inspection and
11 weigh stations and park-and-ride fa-
12 cilities;

13 (IV) promotion of the availability
14 of publicly or privately provided com-
15 mercial motor vehicle parking on the
16 National Highway System using intel-
17 ligent transportation systems and
18 other means;

19 (V) construction of turnouts
20 along the National Highway System
21 for commercial motor vehicles;

22 (VI) making capital improve-
23 ments to public commercial motor ve-
24 hicle parking facilities that, as of the

1 date of enactment of this Act, are
2 closed on a seasonal basis; and

3 (VII) improvement of the geo-
4 metric design of interchanges on the
5 National Highway System to improve
6 access to commercial motor vehicle
7 parking facilities.

8 (4) PRIORITY.—In allocating funds made avail-
9 able to carry out this section, the Secretary shall
10 give priority to applicants that—

11 (A) demonstrate a severe shortage of com-
12 mercial motor vehicle parking capacity in the
13 corridor to be addressed;

14 (B) have consulted with affected State and
15 local governments, community groups, private
16 providers of commercial motor vehicle parking,
17 and motorist and trucking organizations; and

18 (C) demonstrate that the proposed projects
19 are likely to have positive effects on highway
20 safety, traffic congestion, or air quality.

21 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 years
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
23 submit to Congress a report on the results of the pilot
24 program.

25 (d) FUNDING.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
2 appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund (other
3 than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out this
4 section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
5 through 2015.

6 (2) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—Funds authorized
7 under this subsection shall be available for obligation
8 in the same manner as if the funds were apportioned
9 under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, ex-
10 cept that—

11 (A) the funds shall not be transferable and
12 shall remain available until expended; and

13 (B) the Federal share of the cost of a
14 project under this section shall be determined in
15 accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of sec-
16 tions 120 of that title.

17 (e) TREATMENT OF PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding
18 any other provision of law, projects funded under this sec-
19 tion shall be treated as projects on a Federal-aid system
20 under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code.

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