

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To authorize appropriations for highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Warren Cowles Grade
5 Crossing Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR HIGH-**
7 **WAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING IMPROVEMENT**
8 **PROJECTS.**

9 Section 22907 of title 49, United States Code, is
10 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)(5), by inserting “, includ-
2 ing such a project for commuter rail and operators
3 in high-ridership corridors” before the period at the
4 end; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
8 22905(f), there are authorized to be appropriated
9 for eligible projects described in subsection (c)(5) for
10 commuter rail and operators in high-ridership cor-
11 ridors—

12 “(A) for fiscal year 2021, \$250,000,000;
13 and

14 “(B) for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal
15 year thereafter, the amount described in para-
16 graph (2).

17 “(2) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount de-
18 scribed in this paragraph for a fiscal year is
19 \$250,000,000, adjusted to reflect the percentage (if
20 any) of the increase in the average of the Consumer
21 Price Index for the preceding 12-month period com-
22 pared to the Consumer Price Index for fiscal year
23 2020.

24 “(3) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DEFINED.—In
25 this subsection, the term ‘Consumer Price Index’

1 means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-
2 sumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
3 of the Department of Labor.”.