

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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. 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 2022, \$250,000,000;  
13          and

14           “(B) for fiscal year 2023, 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.”.