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H. R. 2924

To expedite the deployment of highway construction projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES 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 “414 Plan Act of 2011”.

5 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR**
6 **HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection

8 (b), the requirements of Federal laws and regulations, in-

9 cluding the prevailing rate of wage requirements specified

10 in section 113 of title 23, United States Code, shall not

1 apply to any Federal-aid highway or highway safety con-
2 struction project.

3 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
4 Federal laws and regulations relating to, as determined
5 by the Secretary of Transportation—

6 (1) the safety or durability of a highway facil-
7 ity; or

8 (2) public or workplace safety.

9 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to be effective
10 after the last day of the 5-year period beginning on the
11 date of enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING BICYCLE**
13 **TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN WALK-**
14 **WAYS.**

15 (a) REPEAL OF PROTECTION OF NONMOTORIZED
16 TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT.—Section
17 109(m) of title 23, United States Code, is repealed.

18 (b) REPEAL OF TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
19 ALLOCATION.—Section 133(d)(2) of title 23, United
20 States Code, is repealed.

21 (c) REPEAL OF BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION AND PE-
22 DESTRIAN WALKWAYS AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIRE-
23 MENTS.—Section 217 of title 23, United States Code, and
24 the item relating to such section in the analysis for chap-
25 ter 2 of that title, are repealed.

1 (d) PLANNING REQUIREMENTS.—

2 (1) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—Sections
3 134(c)(2) and 135(a)(2) of title 23, United States
4 Code, and sections 5303(c)(2) and 5304(a)(2) of
5 title 49, United States Code, are amended by strik-
6 ing “(including accessible pedestrian walkways and
7 bicycle transportation facilities)”.

8 (2) PARTICIPATION BY INTERESTED PAR-
9 TIES.—Sections 134(i)(5)(A) and 135(f)(3)(A) of
10 title 23, United States Code, and sections
11 5303(i)(5)(A) and 5304(f)(3)(A) of title 49, United
12 States Code, are amended by striking “representa-
13 tives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle
14 transportation facilities,”.

15 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NEED FOR COOPERATION**
16 **TO EXPEDITE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION**
17 **PROJECTS.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that States, Federal agen-
19 cies, localities, and private stakeholders should take steps
20 toward increased cooperation to further expedite surface
21 transportation projects.

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