

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1692

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2015

Ms. EDWARDS (for herself and Ms. NORTON) 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 “Safety, Efficiency, and
5 Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public
6 Inspection Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC INSPECTION.**

2 Public employees shall carry out the construction in-
3 spection functions for all surface transportation projects
4 receiving Federal funding.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

7 (1) CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FUNCTIONS.—

8 The term “construction inspection functions” means
9 construction engineering, contract administration,
10 quality control inspection, materials testing, and
11 resident engineer and assistant resident engineer
12 functions.

13 (2) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.—The term “public em-
14 ployee” means an employee of a Federal, State, or
15 local government.

16 (3) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT.—The
17 term “surface transportation project” means a
18 project receiving assistance under title 23, United
19 States Code, a capital project (as defined in section
20 5302 of title 49, United States Code), and any other
21 project related to surface transportation that the
22 Secretary of Transportation determines appropriate.

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