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S. 4701

To amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to future interstate designations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) 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 the “Ports-to-Plains High-
5 way Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUTURE INTERSTATE DESIGNATION AND OPER-**
7 **ATION.**

8 (a) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ROUTE SEGMENTS ON
9 INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—Section 1105(e)(5) of the Inter-

1 modal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
 2 (Public Law 102–240; 109 Stat. 597; 118 Stat. 293; 129
 3 Stat. 1422; 133 Stat. 3018) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A), in the first sentence—

5 (A) by inserting “subsection (c)(14)(A)(ii)
 6 (relating solely to the portion from Limon to I–
 7 76 in the vicinity of Brush),” after “subsection
 8 (c)(13),”; and

9 (B) by inserting “subsection (c)(38),”
 10 after “subsection (c)(37),”; and

11 (2) in subparagraph (C)(i), by adding at the
 12 end the following: “A State having jurisdiction over
 13 any segment of the routes referred to in subsection
 14 (c)(14)(A)(ii) (relating solely to the portion from
 15 Limon to I–76 in the vicinity of Brush) or (c)(38)
 16 shall erect signs, as appropriate and approved by the
 17 Secretary, identifying such segment as a future ad-
 18 dition to the Interstate System.”.

19 (b) VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS.—Section 127 of
 20 title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 21 end the following:

22 “(v) OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON CERTAIN TEXAS,
 23 OKLAHOMA, COLORADO, AND NEW MEXICO HIGHWAYS.—
 24 If any segment of the routes referred to in paragraph
 25 (14)(A)(ii) (relating solely to the portion from Limon to

1 I-76 in the vicinity of Brush) or paragraph (38) of section
2 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Effi-
3 ciency Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-240; 105 Stat. 2032;
4 114 Stat. 2763A-202; 119 Stat. 1210) is designated as
5 a route on the Interstate System, a vehicle that could op-
6 erate legally on that segment before the date of such des-
7 ignation may continue to operate on that segment, without
8 regard to any requirement under this section.”.

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