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# S. 1150

To waive tolls on the Interstate System during peak holiday travel periods.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Interstate Highway  
5       System Toll-Free Holiday Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF TOLLS ON THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM**  
7       **DURING PEAK HOLIDAY TRAVEL PERIODS.**

8       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “Inter-  
9       state System”, “public authority”, “Secretary”, “State”,  
10      and “State transportation department” have the meanings

1 given the terms in section 101(a) of title 23, United States  
2 Code.

3 (b) WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—No tolls shall be collected,  
5 and no vehicle shall be required to stop at a toll  
6 booth, for any toll highway, bridge, or tunnel on the  
7 Interstate System during any peak holiday travel pe-  
8 riod determined under paragraph (2).

9 (2) PEAK HOLIDAY TRAVEL PERIODS.—For the  
10 purposes of paragraph (1), the State transportation  
11 department or the public authority having jurisdic-  
12 tion over the toll highway, bridge, or tunnel shall de-  
13 termine the number and duration of peak holiday  
14 travel periods, which shall include, at a minimum,  
15 the 24-hour period of each legal public holiday speci-  
16 fied in section 6103(a) of title 5, United States  
17 Code.

18 (c) FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, upon  
20 request by a State or public authority and approval  
21 by the Secretary, the Secretary shall reimburse the  
22 State or public authority for the amount of toll rev-  
23 enue not collected by reason of subsection (b).

24 (2) REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—On or  
25 before September 30 of a fiscal year, each State or

1 public authority that desires a refund described in  
2 paragraph (1) shall submit to the Secretary a re-  
3 quest for reimbursement, based on actual traffic  
4 data, for the amount of toll revenue not collected by  
5 reason of subsection (b) during the fiscal year.

6 (3) USE OF REIMBURSED FUNDS.—A request  
7 for reimbursement under paragraph (2) shall include  
8 a certification by the State or public authority that  
9 the amount of the reimbursement will be used only  
10 for debt service or for operation and maintenance of  
11 the toll facility, including reconstruction, resur-  
12 facing, restoration, and rehabilitation.

13 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
14 There are authorized to be appropriated from the  
15 Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit  
16 Account) such sums as are necessary to carry out  
17 this subsection.

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