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To amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to issue regulations and security directives using emergency procedures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICA (for himself, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BOYD, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. GRAVES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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. ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS AND SECURITY DI-**
4 **RECTIVES USING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 114(l) of title 49, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking “im-
2 mediately in order to protect transportation se-
3 curity” and inserting “in order to respond to an
4 imminent threat of finite duration”; and

5 (B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “to
6 determine if the regulation or security directive
7 is needed to respond to an imminent threat of
8 finite duration” before the period at the end of
9 the first sentence;

10 (2) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(3) FACTORS TO CONSIDER.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In determining wheth-
14 er to issue, rescind, or revise a regulation or se-
15 curity directive under this subsection, the
16 Under Secretary shall consider, as factors in
17 the final determination—

18 “(i) whether the costs of the regula-
19 tion or security directive are excessive in
20 relation to the enhancement of security the
21 regulation or security directive will provide;

22 “(ii) whether the regulation or secu-
23 rity directive will remain effective for more
24 than a 90-day period; and

1 “(iii) whether the regulation or secu-
2 rity directive will require revision in the
3 subsequent 90-day period.

4 “(B) AUTHORITY TO WAIVE CERTAIN RE-
5 QUIREMENTS.—For purposes of subparagraph
6 (A)(i), the Under Secretary may waive require-
7 ments for an analysis that estimates the num-
8 ber of lives that will be saved by the regulation
9 or security directive and the monetary value of
10 such lives if the Under Secretary determines
11 that it is not feasible to make such an esti-
12 mate.”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(5) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Any regulation
15 or security directive issued under paragraph (2) that
16 remains effective, with or without revision, for a pe-
17 riod of more than 180 days shall be subject to a
18 rulemaking pursuant to subchapter II of chapter 5
19 of title 5.”.

20 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
21 section (a)(3) shall apply to a regulation issued under sec-
22 tion 114(l)(2) of title 49, United States Code, before, on,
23 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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