

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3893

To amend title 49, United States Code, to limit the preference for Amtrak using rail lines, junctions, and crossings near ports and rail yards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2023

Mr. BURLISON (for himself, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. PERRY, Mr. OGLES, and Ms. HAGEMAN) 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 “Freights First Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION OF PREFERENCE FOR AMTRAK.**

6 Section 24308(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “Except in an emergency” and
9 inserting the following:

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2) or in an emergency”; and

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

4 “(2) LIMITATION OF PREFERENCE.—Intercity
5 and commuter rail passenger transportation pro-
6 vided by or for Amtrak shall not have preference
7 over freight transportation in using a rail line, junc-
8 tion, or crossing if such rail line, junction, or cross-
9 ing is located within 50 miles of a port or rail
10 yard.”.

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