

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2289

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for projects to construct fences or other barriers to prevent public access to tracks and other hazards of fixed guideway systems in residential areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 2, 2003

Mr. ANDREWS 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 “Railway Safety Act
5 of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRACKS AND OTHER HAZARDS**
2 **OF FIXED GUIDEWAY SYSTEMS IN RESIDEN-**
3 **TIAL AREAS.**

4 (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Transportation may
5 make grants to the operator of a rail fixed guideway mass
6 transportation system that is subject to regulation by the
7 Federal Transit Administration or the Federal Railroad
8 Administration for projects to construct fences or other
9 barriers to prevent public access to tracks and other facili-
10 ties of the system that may present a hazard in a residen-
11 tial area.

12 (b) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost
13 of a project carried out with amounts made available
14 under this section shall not exceed 50 percent.

15 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust
17 Fund \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 to carry out this
18 section.

19 (d) APPLICABILITY OF TITLE 23.—Funds authorized
20 by this section shall be available for obligation in the same
21 manner as if such funds were apportioned under chapter
22 1 of title 23, United States Code; except that subsection
23 (b) shall apply with respect to the Federal share and such
24 funds shall remain available until expended.

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