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# H. R. 6387

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. CRITZ, and Mr. RIBBLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Remove Unnecessary  
5       Roadblocks to Local Transportation Safety Projects Act  
6       of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY**  
2 **IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

3 (a) **ISSUANCE.**—The Secretary of Transportation  
4 shall issue categorical exclusions from the requirement  
5 that an environmental assessment or an environmental im-  
6 pact statement under section 102 of the National Environ-  
7 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) be prepared  
8 for a highway safety improvement project.

9 (b) **EFFECT OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.**—In de-  
10 veloping categorical exclusions under subsection (a), the  
11 Secretary shall ensure that the actions described in sub-  
12 section (a) receive the treatment provided for actions  
13 under section 771.117(c) of title 23, Code of Federal Reg-  
14 ulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

15 (c) **HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DE-**  
16 **FINED.**—In this section, the term “highway safety im-  
17 provement project” has the meaning given that term in  
18 section 148(a) of title 23, United States Code.

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