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H. R. 6569

To require a waiver if the installation of differently colored tiles in certain tunnel projects is expected to create additional costs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FASO 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 “Removing Extra
5 Transportation Infrastructure Luxury Expenses Act” or
6 the “RETILE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DIFFERENTLY COLORED TILES IN PROJECTS.**

8 (a) PROJECTS FOR A PUBLIC FACILITY DAMAGED OR
9 DESTROYED BY A MAJOR DISASTER.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, a State or local government, for
3 purposes of a covered project, may not install dif-
4 ferently colored tiles in a tunnel if—

5 (A) the installation of such tiles is reason-
6 ably expected to incur a higher cost than the in-
7 stallation of same-color tiles; and

8 (B) such government has not obtained a
9 waiver from the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
10 rity.

11 (2) WAIVER.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—A State or local gov-
13 ernment may apply for a waiver from this re-
14 quirement.

15 (B) GRANTING OF WAIVER.—The Sec-
16 retary may grant a waiver based on safety fac-
17 tors, historical preservation factors, or any
18 other factor the Secretary considers relevant.

19 (3) COVERED PROJECT.—In this subsection, the
20 term “covered project” means a project for which a
21 State or local government receives a public assist-
22 ance grant under section 406 or 428 of the Robert
23 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
24 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5172 or 5189f).

1 (4) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days
 2 after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
 3 retary shall issue regulations to carry out this sub-
 4 section.

5 (b) PROJECTS UNDER TITLE 23, UNITED STATES
 6 CODE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United
 8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
 9 following:

10 **“§ 171. Use of tiles in initial construction, replace-**
 11 **ment, or repair in tunnel projects**

12 “(a) WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FOR NONCOMPLI-
 13 ANCE.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall with-
 15 hold any funding for any project under this chapter
 16 if such project uses differently colored tiles in a tun-
 17 nel and—

18 “(A) the installation of such tiles is rea-
 19 sonably expected to incur a higher cost than the
 20 installation of same-color tiles; and

21 “(B) the Secretary has not issued a waiver
 22 under this section.

23 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF WAIVER.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State may apply for
 25 a waiver from this requirement.

1 “(B) GRANTING OF WAIVER.—The Sec-
2 retary may grant a waiver based on safety fac-
3 tors, historical preservation factors, or any
4 other factor the Secretary considers relevant.

5 “(3) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
7 retary shall issue regulations to carry out this sec-
8 tion.”.

9 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
10 tions for chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code,
11 is amended by inserting after the item relating to
12 section 170 the following new item:

“171. Use of tiles in initial construction, replacement, or repair in tunnel
projects.”.

