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S. 1852

To amend the International Bridge Act of 1972 to streamline the Presidential permitting process for international bridges and land ports of entry, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “International Bridge
5 and Port of Entry Modernization Act of 2025” or the
6 “IBEM Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING FOR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND**
2 **LAND PORTS OF ENTRY.**

3 Section 6 of the International Bridge Act of 1972 (33
4 U.S.C. 535d) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)—

7 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
8 graph (A), by striking “during the period
9 beginning on December 1, 2020, and end-
10 ing on December 31, 2024,”; and

11 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A),
12 (B), and (C), and inserting the following:

13 “(A) An international bridge between the
14 United States and Mexico.

15 “(B) An international bridge between the
16 United States and Canada.

17 “(C) A port of entry on the international
18 land border between the United States and
19 Mexico.

20 “(D) A port of entry on the international
21 land border between the United States and
22 Canada.”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by inserting
24 “or land port of entry” after “international
25 bridge”;

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting “or land port of entry” after “international bridge”;

(3) in subsection (c)(2)—

(A) by inserting “sole” before “basis”; and

(B) by inserting “or land port of entry” after “international bridge”;

(4) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “Notwithstanding” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) NO COMPILATION OR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS.—The Secretary shall not compile or take into consideration any environmental document pursuant to Public Law 91–190 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) with respect to a Presidential permit for an application under subsection (b).”; and

(5) in subsection (f), by inserting “or land port of entry” after “international bridge” each place it appears.

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