

HR 3585

To require the Secretary of Transportation to develop and implement an environmental review process for safety emergency highway projects.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 24, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to develop and implement a process for the expedited environmental review and approval of safety emergency highway construction or maintenance projects that correct or improve hazardous locations on a highway.

Directs the Secretary to issue regulations that: (1) allow the use of the process for any project correcting or improving hazardous locations on a highway within a State where the motor vehicle accident rate is at least 50 percent higher than the statewide average for similar classes of highways, if the project only includes roadway safety improvements that have a high potential to reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents; and (2) establish criteria for approving deviations from procedures established in regulations issued by the Secretary implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

Requires each Federal agency that has jurisdiction over environmental issues that may be affected by such a project and the analysis of which would be part of any environmental document required by NEPA, or that may be required by Federal law to independently conduct an environmental review or analysis for such project, determine whether to issue a permit, license, or approval of the project, or render an opinion or recommendation on the project's environmental impact, to issue regulations providing for the expedited processing of, and approval of deviations for, the project.

Exempts a Federal agency approving such a deviation from the requirement to consult with the Council on Environmental Quality.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Dec 4, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from CEQ.
- **Nov 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines.
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