

HR 4281

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 28, 2012
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 29, 2012
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 29, 2012
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 29, 2012
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 29, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4348	Related bill	Jul 6, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-141.
112 HR 6057	Related bill	Jun 29, 2012: For Further Action See H.R.6064.
112 HR 6058	Related bill	Jun 29, 2012: For Further Action See H.R.6064.
112 HR 6064	Related bill	Jun 29, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-140.
112 HR 4276	Related bill	Apr 3, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
112 HR 4239	Related bill	Mar 29, 2012: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by voice vote.
112 HRES 600	Procedurally related	Mar 29, 2012: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
112 HR 2887	Related bill	Sep 16, 2011: Became Public Law No: 112-30.
112 S 1525	Related bill	Sep 8, 2011: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 159.
112 HR 662	Related bill	Mar 4, 2011: Became Public Law No: 112-5.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012 - (Sec. 1) Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to reduce the amount apportioned or allocated for a surface transportation program, project, or activity for FY2012 by amounts apportioned or allocated under the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011, Part II for the period from October 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012.

Title I: Federal-Aid Highways - (Sec. 101) Amends the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011, Part II to continue through June 30, 2012, and authorizes appropriations through that date for, specified federal-aid highway programs under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Includes among extended funds those for: (1) the surface transportation research, development, and deployment program; (2) training and education; (3) the Bureau of Transportation Statistics; (4) university transportation research; and (5) intelligent transportation systems (ITS) research.

Subjects funding for such programs generally to the same manner of distribution, administration, limitation, and availability for obligation, however, at three-quarters of the total amount, as funds authorized to be appropriated for such programs and activities out of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) for FY2011.

Subjects contract authority for such programs between October 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012, however, to a specified pro rata limitation on obligations included in any Act making appropriations for FY2012 or a portion of that fiscal year. Waives this obligation limitation, though, for emergency relief and for the equity bonus program.

Extends the allocation of certain transportation program funds to: (1) states for specific programs, including the Interstate and National Highway System program, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program, the highway safety improvement program, the Surface Transportation program, and the Highway Bridge program; and (2) the territories and Puerto Rico. Prohibits use of program funds for a high-speed MAGLEV system between Las Vegas, Nevada, and Anaheim, California.

Authorizes appropriations from the HTF (other than the Mass Transit Account) for administrative expenses of the federal-aid highway program for the period from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

Title II: Extension of Highway Safety Programs - (Sec. 201) Amends SAFETEA-LU to extend, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, the authorization of appropriations for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) safety programs, including: (1) highway safety research and development, (2) the occupant protection incentive grant program, (3) the safety belt performance grant program, (4) state traffic safety information system improvements, (5) the alcohol-impaired driving countermeasures incentive grant program, (6) the National Driver Register, (7) the high visibility enforcement program, (8) motorcyclist safety, (9) the child safety and child booster seat safety incentive grant program, and (10) NHTSA administrative expenses.

(Sec. 202) Extends for that same period the authorization of appropriations for Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) programs, including: (1) motor carrier safety grants, (2) FMCSA administrative expenses, (3) commercial driver's license program improvement grants, (4) border enforcement grants, (5) performance and registration information system management grants, (6) commercial vehicle information systems and networks

deployment grants, (7) safety data improvement grants, (8) a set-aside for high priority activities that improve commercial motor vehicle safety and compliance with commercial motor vehicle safety regulations, (9) a set-aside for new entrant motor carrier audit grants, (10) FMCSA and NHTSA outreach and education, (11) the commercial motor vehicle operators grant program, (12) the FMCSA's Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee, and (13) the working group for development of practices and procedures to enhance federal-state relations.

(Sec. 203) Extends, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, the funding for hazardous materials (hazmat) research projects.

Amends the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to continue for the same period of time the authorized distribution of funds under such Act for coastal wetlands, recreational boating safety, projects under the Clean Vessel Act of 19921, boating infrastructure projects, and the National Outreach and Communications Program.

Extends the set-aside for administrative expenses for carrying out such projects.

Title III: Public Transportation Program - (Sec. 301) Extends, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, the allocation of capital investment grant funds for federal transit programs, including the metropolitan planning program and the state planning and research program.

(Sec. 302) Extends the special rule authority of the Secretary to award urbanized area formula grants to finance the operating cost of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation in an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000.

(Sec. 303) Allocates, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, certain amounts for formula and bus grants and capital investment grants for: (1) certain new fixed guideway capital projects; (2) new fixed guideway ferry systems and extension projects in Alaska and Hawaii; (3) payments to the Denali Commission for docks, waterfront development projects, and related transportation infrastructure; (4) ferry boats or ferry terminal facilities; (5) a set-aside for the national fuel cell bus technology development program; (6) projects in nonurbanized areas; (7) intermodal terminal projects; and (8) bus testing.

(Sec. 304) Extends the apportionment of nonurbanized area formula grants for public transportation on Indian reservations.

(Sec. 305) Extends, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, the apportionment of capital investment grant funds for certain fixed guideway modernization projects. Requires, however, the Secretary to apportion 75% of each dollar amount for such projects.

(Sec. 306) Extends for that same period the authorization appropriations from the HTF Mass Transit Account for: (1) formula and bus grant projects, including allocations for specified projects; (2) capital investment grants, (3) transit research, including allocations for transit cooperative research programs, the National Transit Institute, the university centers program, transportation projects to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the National Technical Assistance Center for senior transportation, and national research programs; and (4) administration expenses.

(Sec. 307) Extends, from October 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, certain SAFETEA-LU programs, including: (1) the contracted paratransit pilot program, (2) the public-private partnership pilot program, (3) project authorizations for final design and construction and preliminary engineering of specified fixed guideway projects, and (4) the elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities pilot program.

Extends certain allocations for national research and technology programs.

Title IV: Highway Trust Fund Extension - (Sec. 401) Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through June 30, 2012, authority for expenditures from: (1) the HTF Highway and Mass Transit accounts, (2) the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, and (3) the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.

(Sec. 402) Extends through June 30, 2012, excise taxes on: (1) fuel used by certain buses, (2) certain alcohol fuels, (3) gasoline (other than aviation gasoline) and diesel fuel or kerosene, (4) certain heavy trucks and trailers, and (5) tires. Extends the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund tax.

Extends through FY2013 the excise tax on certain heavy vehicles.

Extends through June 30, 2012, the exemptions from excise taxes on: (1) certain sales, and (2) motor vehicles used by a state and local government.

Extends the transfer of: (1) certain highway excise taxes to the HTF, and (2) motorboat fuel taxes from the HTF into the land and water conservation fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 30, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 30, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-102.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Rule H. Res. 600 passed House.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 600. (consideration: CR H1751-1762)
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4281 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. The resolution waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 4281.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H1761)
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 266 - 158 (Roll no. 147).(text: CR H1752-1755)
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- **Mar 29, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S2209-2212)
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S2209-2212)
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Mar 28, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
- **Mar 28, 2012:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 600 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4281 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. The resolution waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House.
- **Mar 28, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Science, Space, and Technology, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.