

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. STANTON OF ARIZONA

At the end of subtitle C of title I add the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **HEAT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSPOR-**
2 **TATION ACT OF 2025.**

3 (a) **EMERGENCY RELIEF.**—Section 125 of title 23,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1) by inserting “extreme
6 heat,” after “severe storm,”;

7 (2) in subsection (b) by adding at the end the
8 following “This subsection shall not apply to a
9 bridge with respect to which physical deterioration
10 was substantially caused by extreme heat exposure.”;
11 and

12 (3) by striking “extreme weather, flooding, and
13 other natural disasters” and inserting “extreme
14 weather, heat waves, flooding, and other natural dis-
15 asters” each place it appears.

16 (b) **STUDY ON EXTREME HEAT EVENTS.**—

17 (1) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—Not later than 1 year
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
19 retary of Transportation shall enter into an agree-
20 ment with the Transportation Research Board of the

1 National Academies, in coordination with the Sec-
2 retary of Transportation, shall conduct a study to—

3 (A) evaluate the measurable costs of an ex-
4 treme heat event, particularly long-duration,
5 high intensity heat waves;

6 (B) provide recommendations on how to
7 track damage from extreme heat events, sepa-
8 rate from regular deterioration over time; and

9 (C) to examine how the Secretary may bet-
10 ter assist State departments of transportation,
11 public transit systems, Amtrak, freight rail sys-
12 tems, and other interested parties with tracking
13 damage from extreme heat events.

14 (2) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS.—In car-
15 rying out the study under this subsection, the
16 Transportation Research Board shall consult with
17 the Secretary, the Administrator of the Environ-
18 mental Protection Agency, State departments of
19 transportation, public transit systems, Amtrak,
20 freight rail systems, stakeholders with expertise in
21 engineering and natural disaster management, and
22 educational and technical groups in extreme heat
23 and infrastructure safety.

24 (3) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Transportation
25 Research Board shall submit to the Secretary, the

1 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
2 the House of Representatives, and the Committee on
3 Environment and Public Works of the Senate a re-
4 port detailing the results of the study under this sec-
5 tion.

6 (c) BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES REPORT.—Not
7 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue a best
9 management practices report to reflect new information
10 and advancements in highway and bridge safety as related
11 to extreme heat.

