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To protect the safety of America’s roads by limiting the operation of motor carriers domiciled in Mexico beyond municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border to a pilot program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. HUNTER) 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 “Protecting America’s
5 Roads Act” or “PARA”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON OPERATING AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Unless expressly authorized by
8 Congress, the Secretary of Transportation may not grant

1 authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate
2 beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones
3 on the United States-Mexico border except under a pilot
4 program that meets the requirements of this Act.

5 (b) PILOT PROGRAM DURATION.—Any pilot program
6 carried out pursuant to this Act shall—

7 (1) not exceed a period of 3 years; and

8 (2) be carried out for a period sufficient to gen-
9 erate statistically valid findings on the safety im-
10 pacts of the pilot program.

11 (c) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying
12 out any pilot program pursuant to this Act, the Sec-
13 retary—

14 (1) shall meet the requirements of section 6901
15 of Public Law 110–28, section 350 of Public Law
16 107–87, and section 31315(c) of title 49, United
17 States Code;

18 (2) may not grant a motor carrier domiciled in
19 Mexico authority to operate beyond United States
20 municipalities and commercial zones on the United
21 States-Mexico border permanently, or for any period
22 that exceeds the duration of the pilot program;

23 (3) shall require motor carriers domiciled in
24 Mexico and participating in the pilot program to
25 submit to electronic monitoring to ensure compliance

1 with the Secretary's hours of service regulations;
2 and

3 (4) may not purchase, acquire, or install elec-
4 tronic on-board recorders for motor carriers domi-
5 ciled in Mexico and participating in the pilot pro-
6 gram.

7 (d) SUSPENSION OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
8 shall suspend the authority of all motor carriers domiciled
9 in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities
10 and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border
11 on the date of termination of any pilot program carried
12 out pursuant to this Act.

13 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
14 after the termination date of any pilot program carried
15 out pursuant to this Act, the Secretary, in consultation
16 with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall
17 report to Congress on the impact on safety as a result
18 of such pilot program.

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