

AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
H.R. _____
(PIPELINE SAFETY, MODERNIZATION, AND
EXPANSION ACT OF 2024)
OFFERED BY M. _____

Insert the following section after section 3 (and
make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 SEC. 4. PURPOSE AND GENERAL AUTHORITY.

2 (a) WORKER AND PUBLIC SAFETY.—Section 60102
3 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(u) WORKER AND PUBLIC SAFETY.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
7 lish a zone, referred to in this section as a ‘Worker
8 and Public Safety Zone’, at the location of any pipe-
9 line construction or pipeline repair operation for the
10 purpose of providing notice of the distance the gen-
11 eral public shall maintain from pipeline workers and
12 the activities of such workers.

13 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing a Work-
14 er and Public Safety Zone described in paragraph
15 (1), the Secretary shall—

1 “(A) establish such a Zone around any
2 pipeline construction and pipeline repair oper-
3 ations that exists during pipeline construction
4 or repairs and within which only owner-operator
5 authorized personnel, including contractors and
6 subcontractors, shall be permitted;

7 “(B) ensure that such a Zone—

8 “(i) exists at all times during pipeline
9 construction or pipeline repairs;

10 “(ii) does not exist after pipeline con-
11 struction or pipeline repairs are completed;

12 “(iii) does not apply to local distribu-
13 tion systems and intrastate transmission
14 pipelines; and

15 “(iv) posts a notice that includes the
16 safety purpose of such a Zone at the loca-
17 tion of pipeline construction and repairs;
18 and

19 “(C) establish a reasonable standard of
20 safe distance from pipeline construction and re-
21 pairs workers and the activities of such workers
22 for the notice under subparagraph (B)(iv).

23 “(3) CIVIL PENALTY.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any unauthorized in-
25 dividual entering a Worker and Public Safety

1 Zone established pursuant to this subsection
2 shall be liable to the United States for a civil
3 penalty for each violation.

4 “(B) AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall deter-
5 mine the amount of such penalty using the con-
6 siderations under section 60122(b).

7 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
8 this subsection shall be construed to amend, alter or
9 effect—

10 “(A) the authorities of the Secretary under
11 this chapter or parts 192 or 195 of title 49,
12 Code of Federal Regulations; or

13 “(B) a landowner’s rights.”.

14 (b) REGULATION REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 Transportation shall issue a final rule establishing a pro-
17 cedure and requirements for carrying out section
18 60102(u) of title 49, United States Code.

