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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 14, 2020

Mr. Graves of Missouri (for himself and Mr. Graves of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure Act of 2020”.

SEC. 2. ALLOWABLE COST STANDARDS FOR AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

(a) In General.—Section 47110(b)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
(1) by striking ``(1) if the cost necessarily'' and inserting ``(1)(A) if the cost necessarily'';

(2) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting ``; or''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

``(B) if the cost is an incentive payment incurred in carrying out the project described in subparagraph (A) that is to be provided to a contractor upon early completion of a project, if—

``(i) such payment does not exceed the lesser of 5 percent of the initial construction contract amount or $1,000,000;

``(ii) the level of contractor’s control of, or access to, the worksite necessary to shorten the duration of the project does not negatively impact the operation of the airport;

``(iii) the contract specifies application of the incentive structure in the event of unforeseeable, non-weather delays beyond the control of the contractor;

``(iv) nothing in any agreement with the contractor prevents the airport operator from retaining responsibility for the safety, efficiency, and capacity of the airport during the execution of the grant agreement; and
“(v) the Secretary determines that the use of an incentive payment is likely to increase airport capacity or efficiency as a result of shortening the project’s duration;”.

(b) Technical Correction.—Section 47110(e)(7) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “(7) Partnership Program Airports.—” and inserting “(7) Partnership Program Airports.—”.