

H.R. 6140: Section by Section

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Sec. 1: Short Title

- The “Facilitate Access to Swiftly Transport Goods during a Publicly Announced State of Emergency Situation” or FAST PASS Act.

Sec. 2: Study on Critical Cargo

- The FAST PASS Act requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to initiate a study to examine efforts to expedite the movement of critical cargo through ports and marine terminals to rail and truck.
- The study would evaluate the methodologies, practices and processes for expediting cargo during a Federal Emergency and requires DOT to consult with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other relevant agencies.
- It would also examine the process to mitigate impact on the movement of other cargo that is not deemed critical during an emergency.
- The study will include recommendations for using data from commercial and government data tracking systems to determine which cargo is critical and when it needs to be expedited.
- DOT will seek public comment and issue a report to Congress two years after enactment. The agency has the option of establishing one or more voluntary pilot programs to test the effectiveness of recommended practices included in the report.