

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 545

To permanently exempt payments made from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account from sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2 (legislative day, MARCH 1), 2021

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Railroad Employee Eq-
5 uity and Fairness Act” or the “REEF Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE RAILROAD**
 2 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNT.**

3 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 235 of the Continued
 4 Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020 (subchapter III
 5 of title II of division N of Public Law 116–260) is amend-
 6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2);
 9 and

10 (B) by striking “subsection (a)—” and in-
 11 serting “subsection (a) shall take effect 7 days
 12 after the date of enactment of the Continued
 13 Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020.”; and
 14 (2) by striking subsection (c).

15 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
 16 section (a) shall apply as if enacted on the date before
 17 the date on which the national emergency concerning the
 18 novel coronavirus disease (COVID–19) outbreak declared
 19 by the President on March 13, 2020, under the National
 20 Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) terminates.

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