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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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 “Baltimore Bridge Re-
5 sponse Invests and Delivers Global Economic Relief Act”
6 or the “Baltimore BRIDGE Relief Act”.
SEC. 2. FINDING.

Congress finds that, in accordance with section 668.105(e) of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation), any compensation for damages or insurance proceeds, including interest, recovered by a State, a political subdivision of a State, or a toll authority for repair, including reconstruction, of the bridge described in section 3 in response to the damage described in that section should be used on receipt to reduce liability on the repair, including reconstruction, of that bridge from the emergency fund authorized under section 125 of title 23, United States Code.

SEC. 3. FEDERAL SHARE FOR CERTAIN EMERGENCY RELIEF PROJECTS.

Notwithstanding subsection (e) of section 120 of title 23, United States Code, the Federal share for emergency relief funds made available under section 125 of that title to respond to damage caused by the cargo ship Dali to the Francis Scott Key Bridge located in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland, including reconstruction of that bridge and its approaches, shall be 100 percent.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect as if enacted on March 26, 2024.