

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2204

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Communities Act
5 of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. JURISDICTION OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION**

2 **BOARD.**

3 Section 10501(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
7 and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
8 tively; and

9 (B) by inserting before subparagraph (B),
10 as so redesignated, the following new subpara-
11 graph:

12 “(A) the term ‘liquefied petroleum gas rail
13 transload facility’ means the portion of a facility
14 owned or operated by or on behalf of a rail carrier
15 where liquefied petroleum gas, as a commodity to be
16 transported for a charge, is collected, stored, sepa-
17 rated, processed, treated, managed, disposed of, or
18 transferred, but such term does not include activities
19 taking place at such portion that are comprised sole-
20 ly of the railroad transportation of liquefied petro-
21 leum gas after the liquefied petroleum gas is loaded
22 for shipment on or in a rail car, including railroad
23 transportation for the purpose of interchanging rail-
24 road cars containing liquefied petroleum gas;”;

25 (2) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-
2 graph (A);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of
4 subparagraph (B) and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(C) a liquefied petroleum gas rail transload fa-
8 cility.”.

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendments made by section 2 shall be effective
11 as of July 1, 2013.

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