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S. 1274

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

APRIL 25, 2023

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BROWN) 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; 2 U.S.C.
6 906 note) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

10 (B) by striking “subsection (a)—” and in-
11 sserting “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 day before the
17 date on which the national emergency concerning the novel
18 coronavirus disease (COVID–19) outbreak declared by the
19 President on March 13, 2020, under the National Emer-
20 gencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) terminates.

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