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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HOEKSTRA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Maximizing the Use  
5 of Federal Funds for Job Creation Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
3 (c), a State with an unemployment rate that is equal to  
4 or greater than 125 percent of the national unemployment  
5 rate is authorized to transfer, without limitation, any  
6 funds apportioned and any funds allocated to such State  
7 from amounts made available from the Highway Trust  
8 Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) to any of  
9 the apportionments for the programs designated in sub-  
10 section (b).

11 (b) DESIGNATED PROGRAMS.—The following pro-  
12 grams, authorized by title 23, United States Code, are the  
13 programs the apportionments of which funds may be  
14 transferred to under subsection (a):

15 (1) The interstate maintenance program under  
16 section 119.

17 (2) The National Highway System under sec-  
18 tion 103(b).

19 (3) The surface transportation program under  
20 section 133.

21 (4) The highway bridge replacement and reha-  
22 bilitation program under section 144.

23 (c) EXEMPT PROGRAMS.—The funds made available  
24 for the highway safety improvement programs authorized  
25 by section 148 and chapter 4 of title 23, United States  
26 Code, shall not be subject to transfer under subsection (a).

1           (d) DURATION.—The transfer authority provided by  
2 subsection (a) shall remain in effect for a period of two  
3 years for a State or until the date on the State’s unem-  
4 ployment rate is less than 125 percent of the national un-  
5 employment rate, whichever occurs later.

6           (e) NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT RATE DEFINED.—In  
7 this section, the term “national employment rate” means  
8 the most recent rate of unemployment announced each  
9 month by Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department  
10 of Labor based upon data from the current populations  
11 survey of households conducted for the Bureau by the Bu-  
12 reau of the Census of the Department of Commerce.