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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To allow airports to use airport improvement program funds to repair damage to runway safety areas caused by natural disasters.

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To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN

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1 At the end of subtitle B of title I, add the following:

2 **SEC. 1222. USE OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**
3 **FUNDS FOR RUNWAY SAFETY REPAIRS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 471, as
5 amended by this subtitle, is further amended by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 **“§ 47144. Use of funds for repairs for runway safety**
8 **repairs**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
10 may make project grants under this subchapter to an air-
11 port described in subsection (b) from funds under section

1 47114 apportioned to that airport or funds available for
2 discretionary grants to that airport under section 47115
3 to conduct airport development to repair the runway safe-
4 ty area of the airport damaged as a result of a natural
5 disaster in order to maintain compliance with the regula-
6 tions of the Federal Aviation Administration relating to
7 runway safety areas, without regard to whether construc-
8 tion of the runway safety area damaged was carried out
9 using amounts the airport received under this subchapter.

10 “(b) AIRPORTS DESCRIBED.—An airport is described
11 in this subsection if—

12 “(1) the airport is a public-use airport;

13 “(2) the airport is listed in the National Plan
14 of Integrated Airport Systems of the Federal Avia-
15 tion Administration;

16 “(3) the runway safety area of the airport was
17 damaged as a result of a natural disaster;

18 “(4) the airport was denied funding under the
19 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
20 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) with respect
21 to the disaster;

22 “(5) the operator of the airport has exhausted
23 all legal remedies, including legal action against any
24 parties (or insurers thereof) whose action or inaction

1 may have contributed to the need for the repair of
2 the runway safety area;

3 “(6) there is still a demonstrated need for the
4 runway safety area to accommodate current or im-
5 minent aeronautical demand; and

6 “(7) the cost of repairing or replacing the run-
7 way safety area is reasonable in relation to the an-
8 ticipated operational benefit of repairing the runway
9 safety area, as determined by the Administrator of
10 the Federal Aviation Administration.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
12 ter 471, as amended by this subtitle, is further amended
13 by inserting after the item relating to section 47143 the
14 following:

 “47144. Use of funds for repairs for runway safety repairs.”.