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116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to temporarily require that certain funds deposited with depository institutions by existing customers be available for withdrawal in real time in States with a public health emergency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HILL of Arkansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Immediate Funds
5 Availability Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY REQUIREMENT FOR REAL TIME AVAIL-**
2 **ABILITY OF FUNDS IN STATES WITH A PUB-**
3 **LIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

4 The Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C.
5 4001 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating section 613 as section 614;

7 and

8 (2) by inserting after section 612 the following:

9 **“SEC. 613. TEMPORARY REQUIREMENT FOR REAL TIME**
10 **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN STATES WITH A**
11 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
13 vision of this title and with respect to a depository institu-
14 tion located in a State with a public health emergency,
15 in any case in which cash or other funds are deposited
16 in an account at a depository institution, the first \$1,500
17 of such cash or funds shall be available for withdrawal
18 in real time.

19 “(b) APPLICABLE ONLY TO EXISTING CUS-
20 TOMERS.—Subsection (a) shall only apply to deposits
21 made into an account of a customer of a depository insti-
22 tution if such customer has been a customer of the depository
23 institution for at least 6 months.

24 “(c) STATE WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
25 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘State with a public
26 health emergency’ means a State with respect to which,

1 and during the period of time with respect to which, the
2 Governor of the State has notified the Board (and made
3 such notice available to the public) that the State is expe-
4 riencing a public health emergency.

5 “(d) SUNSET.—This section shall have no force or
6 effect after the end of the 3-year period beginning on the
7 date of enactment of this section.”.

8 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

9 It is the sense of the Congress that the Board of Gov-
10 ernors of the Federal Reserve System should consider
11 moving to a same-day check settlement system (including
12 weekends and holidays).