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MR. HARRIS-CHAREST (for himself) introduced the following bill.

AN ACT

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Supplementing Appropriations for Future Endeavors affected by Timelessness Act of 2023”, or the “SAFE-T Act”.

SEC 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

- (a) “Budget” is a bill that provides for appropriations for the federal government, and does not merely appropriate funds at the rates defined by previous legislation..
- (b) “Fiscal Period” is to be defined as any portion of a fiscal year.
- (c) “Fiscal Year” is to be defined the same definition given in [31 USC §1102](#).

SEC 3. AUTOMATIC CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

Subchapter I of Title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding the following new section after section 1310:

“SEC. 1311. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

“(a) If a budget covering a fiscal period lapses without a succeeding budget or appropriate continuing resolution, such appropriations may continue for a period of 28 days from the date in which the proceeding budget lapsed. Such funds shall be appropriated at the following percentages of the amount authorized in the proceeding budget—

“(1) 100 percent for a period of 72 hours;

“(2) 90 percent for a period of 96 hours upon the expiration of the period outlined in paragraph (1);

“(3) 75 percent for a period lasting 168 hours upon the expiration of the period outlined in paragraph (2);

“(4) 50 percent for a period lasting 168 hours upon the expiration of the period outlined in paragraph (3), and;

“(5) 17 percent for a period lasting 168 hours upon the expiration of the period outlined in paragraph (4).

Such percentage reductions shall not affect the statutory rates of pay as defined by law, unless the 28 day period has expired, upon which no funds shall be remitted for compensation.

“(b) Upon the conclusion of the period outlined in paragraph (a)(5), no funds from the proceeding budget are authorized to be appropriated further without a requisite continuing resolution or budget authorizing funds for appropriation.

“(c) Should funds be appropriated under this section, no funds are authorized for the compensation of any member of Congress, the President, the Vice President, or members of Cabinet. Such funds shall be held by the Treasury in a separate account at the full rate of compensation, and disbursed upon the passage of a proper budget or continuing resolution.

**SEC 4. PROHIBITION OF COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UNDER SPECIFIC
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Title 2, United States Code, is amended by adding the following new paragraph after paragraph (2) of [section 4501](#):

“(3) Should an automatic continuing resolution be effective due to lack of a signed law or joint resolution authorizing appropriations, the Treasury shall withhold any funds sent to be disbursed in line with paragraph (1). All funds held due to the provisions of section 3 of this act shall be remitted upon passage of a proper budget or continuing resolution.

Title 3, United States Code, is amended by redesignating the existing text in section 102 as paragraph (a), and adding the following new paragraph after paragraph (a) of [section 102](#):

“(b) Should an automatic continuing resolution be effective due to lack of a signed law or joint resolution authorizing appropriations, the Treasury shall withhold any funds sent to be disbursed in line with paragraph (a).

SEC 5. SUPREMACY.

For the purposes of enacting this Act, any laws in conflict with this Act shall be immediately rescinded and rendered null and void.

SEC 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, or any amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision to any person, entity, government, or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, or any amendment made thereby, or the application of such provision to all other persons, entities, governments, or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SEC 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act shall come into force in thirty days from approval within the process described by [Article I, §7](#) of the Constitution of the United States.
