Page 260, after line 16, insert the following:

SEC. _____.

**REINSTATEMENT OF HISTORIC BRIDGE PROGRAM.**

(a) In General.—Chapter 1, as amended by section 1601(f) of this Act, is amended by inserting after section 143 the following:

“§ 144. Historic bridge program

“(a) Coordination.—The Secretary shall, in cooperation with the States, encourage the inventory, retention, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, and future study of historic bridges.

“(b) State Inventory.—The Secretary shall require each State to maintain and update an inventory of all bridges on and off the Federal-aid system to determine their historic significance.

“(c) Eligibility.—Reasonable costs associated with actions to preserve, or reduce the impact of a project under this chapter on, the historic integrity of historic bridges shall be eligible as reimbursable project costs under this title if the load capacity and safety features
of the bridge are adequate to serve the intended use for the life of the bridge; except that in the case of a bridge which is no longer used for motorized vehicular traffic, the costs eligible as reimbursable project costs shall not exceed the estimated cost of demolition of such bridge.

“(d) PRESERVATION.—Any State which proposes to demolish a historic bridge for a replacement project with funds made available under this title shall first make the bridge available for donation to a State, locality, or responsible private entity if such State, locality, or responsible entity enters into an agreement to—

“(1) maintain the bridge and the features that give it its historic significance; and

“(2) assume all future legal and financial responsibility for the bridge, which may include an agreement to hold the State highway agency harmless in any liability action.

Costs incurred by the State to preserve the historic bridge, including funds made available to the State, locality, or private entity to enable it to accept the bridge, shall be eligible as reimbursable project costs under this chapter up to an amount not to exceed the cost of demolition.

“(e) HISTORIC BRIDGE DEFINED.—As used in this section, ‘historic bridge’ means any bridge that is listed
on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 1, as amended by section 1601(f) of this Act, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 143 the following new item:

“144. Historic bridge program.”.