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At the end of subtitle A of title XXXV, insert the following:

SEC. 35. STRATEGIC SEAPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND.

(a) Establishment.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the “Strategic Seaport Readiness Infrastructure Development Fund”, (referred to in this section as the “Fund”) consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated or credited to such Fund as provided in this section.

(b) Credits.—

(1) In general.—There may be deposited into the Fund—

(A) funds from the Department of Defense; and

(B) such amounts as may be appropriated or transferred to the Fund from within the Department of Defense

(2) Prohibition on certain credits.—No amounts shall be transferred to the Fund that have
been authorized pursuant to section 9505 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9505).

(c) TRANSFERS.—Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year for a strategic seaport may be transferred, at the option of the recipient of such amounts, to the Fund and may be administered by the Administrator as a component of a project under the program.

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Maritime Administration may enter into agreements or contracts with public port authorities of strategic seaports in order to carry out projects under the strategic seaport infrastructure readiness development program to—

(A) upgrade infrastructure resiliency of piers or wharfs or enhancing flexible lay-down areas for heavy lift, increase efficiency in the handling of Department of Defense intermodal cargo movements, enhance shoreside intermodal transportation infrastructure, or carry out other similar improvements designed to increase efficiency of Department of Defense readiness;

(B) facilitate funding for training dedicated to enhancing interoperability between
military and port terminal personnel, and testing and expanding operational areas to maximize strategic seaport capability and assets; and

(C) provide cyber resiliency project funding dedicated to the installation of new cybersecurity infrastructure, or the enhancement of existing cybersecurity infrastructure, in order to ensure security of military operations at strategic seaports.

(2) REFUNDS.—The Administrator may also use the Fund to make refunds for projects under that program that will not be completed.

(3) STRATEGIC SEAPORT.—In this section, the term “strategic seaport” means a commercial seaport that is so designated by the Commander of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command for the purpose of supporting the deployment of members of the Armed Forces during a military operation or national emergency.