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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5789

To amend title 31, United States Code, to modernize cash management by allowing the use of certain obligations instead of surety bonds.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2006

Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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. USE OF ELIGIBLE OBLIGATIONS INSTEAD OF**  
4 **SURETY BONDS.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE OBLIGATION.—Section  
6 9301(2) of title 31, United States Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

1           “(2) ‘eligible obligation’ means any security  
2           designated as acceptable in lieu of a surety bond by  
3           the Secretary of the Treasury.”.

4           (b) USE OF ELIGIBLE OBLIGATIONS INSTEAD OF  
5 SURETY BONDS.—Section 9303(a)(2) of title 31, United  
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7           “(2) as determined by the Secretary of the  
8           Treasury, have a market value that is equal to or  
9           greater than the amount of the required surety  
10          bond; and”.

11          (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 9303 of title  
12 31, United States Code, is amended—

13           (1) in the section heading, by striking “**GOV-**  
14           **ERNMENT OBLIGATIONS**” and inserting “**ELIGI-**  
15           **BLE OBLIGATIONS**”;

16           (2) in subsection (f), by striking “Government  
17           obligations” and inserting “eligible obligations”;

18           (3) by striking “a Government obligation” each  
19           place that term appears and inserting “an eligible  
20           obligation”; and

21           (4) by striking “the Government obligation”  
22           each place that term appears and inserting “the eli-  
23           gible obligation”.

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