

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. FRELINGHUYSEN,
CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
REGARDING THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE AMENDMENTS ON H.R. 1625
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

The following is an explanation of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018.

This Act includes 12 regular appropriations bills for fiscal year 2018. The divisions contained in the Act are as follows:

- Division A – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division B – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division C – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division D – Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division E – Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2018

- Division F – Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division G – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division H – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division I – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division J – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division K – Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division L – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018
- Division M – Extensions
- Division N – BUILD ACT
- Division O – Wildfire Suppression Funding and Forest Management Activities Act
- Division P – Ray Baum’s Act of 2018
- Division Q – Kevin and Avonte’s Law
- Division R – TARGET Act (This is the original subject matter of H.R. 1625.)

- Division S – Other Matter
- Division T – Revenue Provisions
- Division U – Tax Technical Corrections
- Division V – CLOUD Act

Section 1 of the Act is the short title of the bill.

Section 2 of the Act displays a table of contents.

Section 3 of the Act states that, unless expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

Section 4 of the Act states that this explanatory statement shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of this legislation as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

Section 5 of the Act provides a statement of appropriations.

Section 6 of the Act states that each amount designated by Congress as being for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism (OCO/GWOT) is contingent on the President so designating all such OCO/GWOT amounts and transmitting such designations to Congress. The provision is consistent with the requirements in the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Section 7 of the Act addresses salaries and compensation rates and provides for a death gratuity.

The Act does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined by clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.