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To limit Government printing costs, Government travel costs, and Federal vehicle costs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PRYOR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To limit Government printing costs, Government travel costs, and Federal vehicle costs.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Government Excess
5 Prevention Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON GOVERNMENT PRINTING COSTS.**

7 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and
9 Budget shall coordinate with the heads of Federal depart-
10 ments and independent agencies to—

1 (1) determine which Government publications
2 could be available on Government websites and no
3 longer printed and to devise a strategy to reduce
4 overall Government printing costs over the 10-year
5 period beginning with fiscal year 2012, except that
6 the Director shall ensure that essential printed docu-
7 ments prepared for Social Security recipients, Medi-
8 care beneficiaries, and other populations in areas
9 with limited Internet access or use continue to re-
10 main available;

11 (2) establish government-wide Federal guide-
12 lines on employee printing;

13 (3) issue on the Office of Management and
14 Budget's public website the results of a cost-benefit
15 analysis on implementing a digital signature system
16 and on establishing employee printing identification
17 systems, such as the use of individual employee
18 cards or codes, to monitor the amount of printing
19 done by Federal employees; except that the Director
20 of the Office of Management and Budget shall en-
21 sure that Federal employee printing costs unrelated
22 to national defense, homeland security, border secu-
23 rity, national disasters, and other emergencies do
24 not exceed \$860,000,000 annually; and

1 (4) issue guidelines requiring every department,
2 agency, commission, or office to list at a prominent
3 place near the beginning of each publication distrib-
4 uted to the public and issued or paid for by the Fed-
5 eral Government—

6 (A) the name of the issuing agency, de-
7 partment, commission, or office;

8 (B) the total number of copies of the docu-
9 ment printed;

10 (C) the collective cost of producing and
11 printing all of the copies of the document; and

12 (D) the name of the firm publishing the
13 document.

14 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION OF GOVERNMENT TRAVEL COSTS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of law, the total amount which is paid or reimbursed
17 by an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title
18 5, United States Code (relating to travel and subsistence
19 expenses; mileage allowances for official travel by Federal
20 employees) may not, for any of the 5 fiscal years beginning
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, exceed 50 percent
22 of the total amount so paid or reimbursed by such agency
23 for the fiscal year in which such date of enactment occurs.

1 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—For purposes of carrying out sub-
2 section (a), there shall not be taken into account the
3 amounts paid or reimbursed for—

4 (1) any subsistence or travel expenses for
5 threatened law enforcement personnel, as described
6 in section 5706a of title 5, United States Code; or

7 (2) any other expenses for which an exception
8 is established under subsection (c) for reasons relat-
9 ing to national security or public safety.

10 (c) REGULATIONS.—Any regulations necessary to
11 carry out this section shall, in consultation with the Direc-
12 tor of the Office of Management and Budget, be pre-
13 scribed by the same respective authorities as are respon-
14 sible for prescribing regulations under section 5707 of title
15 5, United States Code.

16 **SEC. 4. REDUCTION IN FEDERAL VEHICLE COSTS.**

17 Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

18 (1) of the amounts made available to the Gen-
19 eral Services Administration for the acquisition of
20 new vehicles for the Federal fleet for fiscal year
21 2011 and remaining unobligated as of the date of
22 enactment of this Act, an amount equal to 20 per-
23 cent of all such amounts is rescinded;

24 (2) for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year
25 thereafter—

1 (A) the amount made available to the Gen-
2 eral Services Administration for the acquisition
3 of new vehicles for the Federal fleet shall not
4 exceed an amount equal to 80 percent of the
5 amount made available for the acquisition of
6 those vehicles for fiscal year 2011 (before appli-
7 cation of paragraph (1)); and

8 (B) the number of new vehicles acquired
9 by the General Services Administration for the
10 Federal fleet shall not exceed a number equal to
11 50 percent of the vehicles so acquired for fiscal
12 year 2011; and

13 (3) any amounts made available under the
14 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
15 (Public Law 111–5) for the acquisition of new vehi-
16 cles for the Federal fleet shall be disregarded for
17 purposes of determining the baseline.

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