

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 565

AN ACT

To reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Vehicle Repair
3 Cost Savings Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that, in March 2013, the Government
6 Accountability Office issued a report that confirmed
7 that—

8 (1) there are approximately 588,000 vehicles in
9 the civilian Federal fleet;

10 (2) Federal agencies spent approximately
11 \$975,000,000 on repair and maintenance of the
12 Federal fleet in 2011;

13 (3) remanufactured vehicle components, such as
14 engines, starters, alternators, steering racks, and
15 clutches, tend to be less expensive than comparable
16 new replacement parts; and

17 (4) the United States Postal Service and the
18 Department of the Interior both informed the Gov-
19 ernment Accountability Office that the respective
20 agencies rely on the use of remanufactured vehicle
21 components to reduce costs.

22 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act—

24 (1) the term “Federal agency” has the meaning
25 given that term in section 102 of title 40, United
26 States Code; and

1 (2) the term “remanufactured vehicle compo-
2 nent” means a vehicle component (including an en-
3 gine, transmission, alternator, starter, turbocharger,
4 steering, or suspension component) that has been re-
5 turned to same-as-new, or better, condition and per-
6 formance by a standardized industrial process that
7 incorporates technical specifications (including engi-
8 neering, quality, and testing standards) to yield fully
9 warranted products.

10 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO USE REMANUFACTURED VEHI-**
11 **CLE COMPONENTS.**

12 The head of each Federal agency—

13 (1) shall encourage the use of remanufactured
14 vehicle components to maintain Federal vehicles, if
15 using such components reduces the cost of maintain-
16 ing the Federal vehicles while maintaining quality;
17 and

18 (2) shall not encourage the use of remanufac-
19 tured vehicle components to maintain Federal vehi-
20 cles, if using such components—

21 (A) does not reduce the cost of maintain-
22 ing Federal vehicles;

23 (B) lowers the quality of vehicle perform-
24 ance, as determined by the employee of the

1 Federal agency responsible for the repair deci-
2 sion; or
3 (C) delays the return to service of a vehi-
4 cle.

Passed the Senate June 15, 2015.

Attest:

Secretary.

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