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To decrease the United States dependence on imported oil by the year 2015.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To decrease the United States dependence on imported oil
by the year 2015.

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. INCREASED FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS TO**
4 **REDUCE OIL CONSUMPTION.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR NEW REGULATIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation shall issue, under section 32902 of title 49,
8 United States Code, new regulations setting forth in-
9 creased average fuel economy standards for auto-
10 mobiles that are determined on the basis of the max-
11 imum feasible average fuel economy levels for the

1 automobiles, taking into consideration the matters
 2 set forth in subsection (f) of such section.

3 (2) TIME FOR ISSUING REGULATIONS.—

4 (A) NON-PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES.—For
 5 non-passenger automobiles, the Secretary of
 6 Transportation shall issue the final regulations
 7 not later than 15 months after the date of the
 8 enactment of this Act.

9 (B) PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES.—For pas-
 10 senger automobiles, the Secretary of Transpor-
 11 tation shall issue—

12 (i) the proposed regulations not later
 13 than 180 days after the date of the enact-
 14 ment of this Act; and

15 (ii) the final regulations not later than
 16 2 years after that date.

17 (b) PHASED INCREASES.—The regulations issued
 18 pursuant to subsection (a) shall specify standards that
 19 take effect successively over several vehicle model years
 20 not exceeding 15 vehicle model years.

21 (c) CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO AMEND PAS-
 22 Senger AUTOMOBILE STANDARD.—Section 32902(b) of
 23 title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting be-
 24 fore the period at the end the following: “or such other
 25 number as the Secretary prescribes under subsection (c)”.

1 (d) OIL SAVINGS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The new regulations re-
3 quired by this section shall include regulations that
4 apply to passenger and non-passenger automobiles
5 manufactured after model year 2006 and are de-
6 signed to result in a reduction in the amount of oil
7 (including oil refined into gasoline) used by auto-
8 mobiles of at least 1,000,000 barrels per day by
9 2015.

10 (2) CALCULATION OF REDUCTION.—To deter-
11 mine the amount of the reduction in oil used by pas-
12 senger and non-passenger automobiles, the Secretary
13 of Transportation shall make calculations based on
14 the number of barrels of oil projected by the Energy
15 Information Administration of the Department of
16 Energy in table A7 of the report entitled “Annual
17 Energy Outlook 2002” (report no. DOE/EIA-
18 0383(2002)) to be consumed by light-duty vehicles
19 in 2015 without the regulations required by para-
20 graph (1).

21 (3) CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL
22 TECHNOLOGIES.—The Secretary of Transportation
23 shall consult with the Secretary of Energy to iden-
24 tify alternative fuel technologies that could be uti-
25 lized in the transportation sector to reduce depend-

1 ence on crude-oil-derived fuels. The Secretary of
2 Transportation shall take those technologies into
3 consideration in prescribing the regulations under
4 this section.

5 (e) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

6 (1) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Beginning in 2007,
7 the Secretary of Transportation shall, after con-
8 sulting with the Administrator of the Environmental
9 Protection Agency, submit to Congress in January
10 of every odd-numbered year through 2015 a report
11 on the implementation of the requirements of this
12 section.

13 (2) CONTENT.—The report required by para-
14 graph (1) shall explain and assess the progress made
15 toward reducing oil consumption by automobiles as
16 required by subsection (d).

17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to the Department of
19 Transportation for fiscal year 2004, to remain available
20 until expended, \$2,000,000 to carry out this section.

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