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# S. 378

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Travel Reimbursement  
5 for Inactive Duty Training Personnel (TRIP) Act of  
6 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES FOR**  
2 **MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS**  
3 **FOR LONG DISTANCE AND CERTAIN OTHER**  
4 **TRAVEL TO INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING.**

5 (a) ALLOWANCES REQUIRED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 8 of title 37, United  
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
8 478a the following new section:

9 **“§ 478b. Travel and transportation allowances: long**  
10 **distance and certain other travel to inac-**  
11 **tive duty training performed by members**  
12 **of the reserve components of the armed**  
13 **forces**

14 “(a) ALLOWANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary con-  
15 cerned shall reimburse a member of a reserve component  
16 of the armed forces for transportation expenses, including  
17 mileage traveled, incurred in connection with the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 “(1) Round-trip travel in excess of 100 miles to  
20 an inactive duty training location, regardless of the  
21 method of transportation.

22 “(2) Round-trip travel of any distance to an in-  
23 active duty training location, if such travel requires  
24 a commercial method of transportation other than  
25 ground transportation.

26 “(b) RATES OF REIMBURSEMENT.—

1           “(1) MILEAGE.—In determining the amount of  
2           allowances or reimbursement to be paid for mileage  
3           traveled under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary con-  
4           cerned shall use the mileage reimbursement rate for  
5           the use of privately owned vehicles by Government  
6           employees on official business (when a Government  
7           vehicle is available), as prescribed by the Adminis-  
8           trator of General Services under section 5707(b) of  
9           title 5.

10           “(2) COMMERCIAL FARE FOR TRAVEL BY COM-  
11           MON CARRIER.—The amount of reimbursement to be  
12           paid under subsection (a)(2) for travel covered by  
13           that subsection shall be the reasonable commercial  
14           fare expense for such travel by common carrier.

15           “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary concerned shall  
16           prescribe regulations to carry out this section. Regulations  
17           prescribed by the Secretary of a military department shall  
18           be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

19           “(d) EXPIRATION.—No reimbursement may be pro-  
20           vided under this section for travel that begins after the  
21           travel authorities transition expiration date.”.

22           “(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
23           tions at the beginning of chapter 8 of such title is  
24           amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
25           tion 478a the following new item:

“478b. Travel and transportation allowances: long distance and certain other travel to inactive duty training performed by members of the reserve components of the armed forces.”.

1           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to travel expenses  
3 incurred after the expiration of the 90-day period that be-  
4 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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