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S. 536

To require a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the costs of Federal regulations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2013

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

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 “Regulation Costs to
5 America Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON THE COST OF FEDERAL REGULA-**
7 **TIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
9 United States shall conduct an annual study of the total
10 costs of Federal regulations.

1 (b) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting the study re-
2 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of
3 the United States shall use a methodology substantially
4 similar to the methodology used in conducting the study
5 described in the report entitled “The Impact of Regulatory
6 Costs on Small Firms” (September 2010), prepared on
7 behalf of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business
8 Administration.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
10 of enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter, the
11 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
12 Congress a report on the findings of the study conducted
13 under subsection (a), which shall include an estimate of
14 the total annual costs of Federal regulations by agency,
15 as such term is defined in section 551 of title 5, United
16 States Code.

17 (d) FUNDING.—The General Accountability Office
18 shall carry out this section using unobligated funds other-
19 wise made available to the General Accountability Office.

20 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
21 gress that no additional funds should be made available
22 to carry out this section.

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