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114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1613

[Report No. 114–266]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan (for himself and Mr. ASHFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Additional sponsors: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. MESSER, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. LONG, Mr. STEWART, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. YOHO, Mr. ISSA, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. WALORSKI

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “Federal Vehicle Repair
5 Cost Savings Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

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

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

12 (2) Federal agencies spent approximately
13 \$975,000,000 on repair and maintenance of the
14 Federal fleet in 2011;

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

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

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act—

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

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

13 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO USE REMANUFACTURED VEHI-**
14 **CLE COMPONENTS.**

15 The head of each Federal agency—

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

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

24 (A) does not reduce the cost of maintain-
25 ing Federal vehicles;

- 1 (B) lowers the quality of vehicle perform-
2 ance, as determined by the employee of the
3 Federal agency responsible for the repair deci-
4 sion; or
5 (C) delays the return to service of a vehi-
6 cle.

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