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S. 4107

To require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11 (legislative day, APRIL 10), 2024

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations.

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 “Think Differently
5 Transportation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON AMTRAK ADA COMPLIANCE.**

7 Section 24315(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
5 and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(D) shall include an action plan for bringing
8 Amtrak rail cars and Amtrak-served stations that
9 are not in compliance with the Americans with Dis-
10 abilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) into
11 compliance with such Act as required by the settle-
12 ment agreement entered into in 2020 between Am-
13 trak and the Department of Justice; and

14 “(E) shall include a status report on—

15 “(i) Amtrak-served stations for which Am-
16 trak is solely responsible for compliance with
17 such Act based on a station assessment carried
18 out by Amtrak, including a timeline for any re-
19 quired compliance with such Act, as required by
20 the settlement agreement;

21 “(ii) Amtrak-served stations for which Am-
22 trak has a shared responsibility for compliance
23 with such Act based on a station assessment
24 carried out by Amtrak, including a timeline for
25 any required compliance with such Act for the

portions of the station for which Amtrak is the responsible party consistent with the terms of the settlement agreement, identifying who is responsible for compliance (and the status of the compliance of each responsible party with such Act) for such portions and the timeline for compliance in cases in which Amtrak is not the responsible party; and

“(iii) the status of compliance with such Act for all Amtrak-served stations for which Amtrak is not the responsible party, nor is responsible for a portion of the station, and the entity or entities that have responsibility for compliance with such Act, based on a station assessment carried out by Amtrak or the party responsible under such Act.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) In this subsection, the term ‘station assessment’ means a review of all components of a station, including the building, platform, path to train, and parking areas, as required by the Access Board on the date of enactment of the Think Differently Transportation Act.”.

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