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# H. R. 1613

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## 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

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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 “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—

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

3           (2) Federal agencies spent approximately  
4           \$975,000,000 on repair and maintenance of the  
5           Federal fleet in 2011;

6           (3) remanufactured vehicle components, such as  
7           engines, starters, alternators, steering racks, and  
8           clutches, tend to be less expensive than comparable  
9           new replacement parts; and

10          (4) the United States Postal Service and the  
11          Department of the Interior both informed the Gov-  
12          ernment Accountability Office that the respective  
13          agencies rely on the use of remanufactured vehicle  
14          components to reduce costs.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16          In this Act—

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

20           (2) the term “remanufactured vehicle compo-  
21           nent” means a vehicle component (including an en-  
22           gine, transmission, alternator, starter, turbocharger,  
23           steering, or suspension component) that has been re-  
24           turned to same-as-new, or better, condition and per-  
25           formance by a standardized industrial process that

1 incorporates technical specifications (including engi-  
2 neering, quality, and testing standards) to yield  
3 fully-warranted products.

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

6 The head of each Federal agency—

7 (1) shall encourage the use of remanufactured  
8 vehicle components to maintain Federal vehicles, if  
9 using such components reduces the cost of maintain-  
10 ing the Federal vehicles while maintaining quality;  
11 and

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

15 (A) does not reduce the cost of maintain-  
16 ing Federal vehicles;

17 (B) lowers the quality of vehicle perform-  
18 ance, as determined by the employee of the  
19 Federal agency responsible for the repair deci-  
20 sion; or

21 (C) delays the return to service of a vehi-  
22 cle.

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