AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 8449 OFFERED BY MR. JAMES OF MICHIGAN

Page 6, after line 21, insert the following:

(3) REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Three years after the effective date of any rule issued under subsection (a) and not later than every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of Transportation shall evaluate—

(i) whether such rule is needed to provide access to IPAWS communications that cannot otherwise be met through other IPAWS communication technologies;

(ii) whether there are alternative means to the rule of providing access to IPAWS communications in passenger motor vehicles that result in less cost to consumers than requiring devices that can receive signals and play content transmitted by AM broadcast stations be installed as standard equipment in passenger motor vehicles; and

(iii) whether there is incompatibility between the devices required by the rule and advancement of future safety technology in motor vehicles, including on-vehicle sensors, vehicle power systems, or other components or systems installed on motor vehicles.

(B) ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK.—On an annual basis, beginning one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall solicit public comment from manufacturers and other stakeholders by publishing a Request for Comment in the Federal Register that seeks relevant information concerning any challenges or incompatibility between the devices required by the rule and advancement of vehicle safety technology in motor vehicles, including on-vehicle sensors, vehicle power systems, or other components or systems installed on motor vehicles.

(C) SUNSET.—The rule issued under subsection (a) shall be repealed, and the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) and subsection (g) shall no longer be required, if the Secretary of Transportation determines any of

the following and publishes the determination in the Federal Register—

(i) under subparagraph (A)(i) that the rule issued under subsection (a) is no longer needed to provide access to IPAWS communications;

(ii) the completed GAO study under subsection (f) determines there are alternative means of providing access to IPAWS communications;

(iii) the completed GAO study under subsection (f) determines there are alternative means of providing content transmitted by AM broadcast stations in passenger motor vehicles that result in less cost to consumers than requiring devices that can receive signals and play content transmitted by AM broadcast stations be installed as standard equipment in passenger motor vehicles; or

(iv) the information collected pursuant to paragraph (B) indicates that there is incompatibility between the devices required by the rule and advancement of future safety technology in motor vehicles, includ-

ing on-vehicle sensors, vehicle power systems, or other components or systems installed on motor vehicles.

Page 8, strike lines 13 through 15, and insert the following:

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall conduct a comprehensive study on—

(A) disseminating emergency alerts and warnings to the public; and

(B) the cost impacts on consumers of a rule requiring devices with the ability to receive signals and play content transmitted by AM broadcast stations in passenger vehicles.

Page 9, line 7, strike ''and'' at the end.

Page 9, after line 13, insert the following:

(v) the cost impact to consumers, including consumers who do not access AM broadcast stations in passenger motor vehicles, of a requirement to include devices with the ability to receive signals and play content transmitted by AM broadcast stations in passenger vehicles;

Page 9, line 17, strike the period and insert ''; and''.

Page 9, after line 17, insert the following:

(C) any alternatives to access AM radio programming in passenger motor vehicles that would have less cost impact on consumers, including consumers who do not access AM broadcast stations in passenger motor vehicles, than a requirement to include devices with the ability to receive signals and play content transmitted by AM broadcast stations in passenger vehicles.

Page 10, line 13, strike ''1 year'' and insert ''2 years''.

Page 11, line 6, strike ''REVIEW'' and insert ''ASSESSMENT''.

Page 11, strike lines 12 through 14, and insert the following:

(1) the impacts of the rule issued under subsection (a), including the impacts on public safety concerning the delivery of emergency alerts provided via analog AM broadcast stations; and

Page 11, line 17, insert ''emergency'' before ''alerts''.

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