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To provide regulatory parity among alternative fuel vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2013

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To provide regulatory parity among alternative fuel vehicles,
and for other purposes.

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. NATURAL GAS VEHICLES.**

4 (a) MAXIMUM FUEL ECONOMY INCREASE FOR AL-
5 TERNATIVE FUEL AUTOMOBILES.—Section 32906(a) of
6 title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “(ex-
7 cept an electric automobile)” and inserting “(except an
8 electric or natural gas automobile)”.

1 (b) AUTOMOBILE FUEL ECONOMY DEFINITIONS.—
2 Section 32901(a) of title 49, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (8), by inserting “, but the in-
5 clusion of a reserve gasoline tank for incidental or
6 emergency use in the event of alternative fuel deple-
7 tion shall not detract from the dedicated nature of
8 the automobile” before the period at the end; and

9 (2) in paragraph (9)(B), by striking “provides
10 equal or superior energy efficiency” and inserting
11 “provides reasonably comparable energy efficiency”.

12 (c) MINIMUM DRIVING RANGES FOR DUAL FUELED
13 PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES.—Section 32901(c)(2) of title
14 49, United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(except
16 electric automobiles)” and inserting “(except electric
17 or natural gas automobiles)”; and

18 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “(except
19 electric automobiles)” each place it appears and in-
20 serting “(except electric or natural gas auto-
21 mobiles)”.

22 (d) MANUFACTURING PROVISION FOR ALTERNATIVE
23 FUEL AUTOMOBILES.—Section 32905(d) of title 49,
24 United States Code, is amended by striking paragraphs
25 (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

1 “(1) the percentage utilization of the model on
2 gasoline or diesel fuel, as determined by a formula
3 based on the model’s alternative fuel range, divided
4 by the fuel economy measured under section
5 32904(c); and

6 “(2) the percentage utilization of the model on
7 gaseous fuel, as determined by a formula based on
8 the model’s alternative fuel range, divided by the
9 fuel economy measured under subsection (c).”.

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