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S. 378

To amend title 37, United States Code, to provide travel and transportation allowances for members of the reserve components for long distance and certain other travel to inactive duty training.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Travel Reimbursement
5 for Inactive Duty Training Personnel (TRIP) Act of
6 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS**
3 **FOR LONG DISTANCE AND CERTAIN OTHER**
4 **TRAVEL TO INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING.**

5 (a) ALLOWANCES REQUIRED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 8 of title 37, United
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section
8 478a the following new section:

9 **“§ 478b. Travel and transportation allowances: long**
10 **distance and certain other travel to inac-**
11 **tive duty training performed by members**
12 **of the reserve components of the armed**
13 **forces**

14 “(a) ALLOWANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary con-
15 cerned shall reimburse a member of a reserve component
16 of the armed forces for transportation expenses, including
17 mileage traveled, incurred in connection with the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(1) Round-trip travel in excess of 100 miles to
20 an inactive duty training location, regardless of the
21 method of transportation.

22 “(2) Round-trip travel of any distance to an in-
23 active duty training location, if such travel requires
24 a commercial method of transportation other than
25 ground transportation.

26 “(b) RATES OF REIMBURSEMENT.—

1 “(1) MILEAGE.—In determining the amount of
2 allowances or reimbursement to be paid for mileage
3 traveled under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary con-
4 cerned shall use the mileage reimbursement rate for
5 the use of privately owned vehicles by Government
6 employees on official business (when a Government
7 vehicle is available), as prescribed by the Adminis-
8 trator of General Services under section 5707(b) of
9 title 5.

10 “(2) COMMERCIAL FARE FOR TRAVEL BY COM-
11 MON CARRIER.—The amount of reimbursement to be
12 paid under subsection (a)(2) for travel covered by
13 that subsection shall be the reasonable commercial
14 fare expense for such travel by common carrier.

15 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary concerned shall
16 prescribe regulations to carry out this section. Regulations
17 prescribed by the Secretary of a military department shall
18 be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

19 “(d) EXPIRATION.—No reimbursement may be pro-
20 vided under this section for travel that begins after the
21 travel authorities transition expiration date.”.

22 “(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
23 tions at the beginning of chapter 8 of such title is
24 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
25 tion 478a the following new item:

“478b. Travel and transportation allowances: long distance and certain other travel to inactive duty training performed by members of the reserve components of the armed forces.”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to travel expenses
3 incurred after the expiration of the 90-day period that be-
4 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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