

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CASSIDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Energy Technologies  
5 Access and Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES MANUFAC-**  
2 **TURING INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 136(a) of the Energy  
4 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.  
5 17013(a)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and  
7 (5), as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively;

8 (2) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A),  
10 (B), and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), re-  
11 spectively;

12 (B) in the matter preceding clause (i), as  
13 redesignated, by striking “means an ultra effi-  
14 cient vehicle or a light duty vehicle that  
15 meets—” and inserting the following: “means—

16 “(A) an ultra efficient vehicle or a light  
17 duty vehicle that meets—”;

18 (C) in clause (iii), as redesignated, by  
19 striking the period at the end and inserting a  
20 semicolon; and

21 (D) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(B) a commercial truck manufactured in  
23 the United States that meets at least 125 per-  
24 cent of the average base year combined fuel  
25 economy for vehicles with substantially similar  
26 attributes; and

1 “(C) a United States flagged vessel.”;

2 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
3 lowing:

4 “(3) COMMERCIAL TRUCK.—The term ‘commer-  
5 cial truck’ means an on-highway vehicle with a gross  
6 vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more.”;  
7 and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(7) UNITED STATES FLAGGED VESSEL.—The  
10 term ‘United States flagged vessel’ means any vessel  
11 that has been issued a certificate of documentation  
12 under chapter 121 of title 46, United States Code.”.

13 (b) MANUFACTURING GRANTS.—Section 136(b) of  
14 such Act (42 U.S.C. 17013(b)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1), by redesignating subpara-  
16 graphs (A), (B), and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and  
17 (iii), respectively;

18 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as  
19 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

20 (3) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
21 as redesignated—

22 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
23 serting the following:

24 “(1) AWARDS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary”;  
25 and

1 (B) by inserting “commercial truck manu-  
2 facturers, vessel manufacturers in the United  
3 States,” after “vehicle manufacturers”; and

4 (4) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(2) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—The Sec-  
6 retary, through the Loan Programs Office, shall—

7 “(A) accelerate efforts to engage sufficient  
8 engineering expertise to verify that borrowers  
9 under this section are delivering projects in ac-  
10 cordance with applicable loan agreements; and

11 “(B) develop sufficient and quantifiable  
12 performance measures to achieve the intent of  
13 the direct loan program established under sub-  
14 section (d).”.

15 (c) DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.—

16 (1) DEBT REDUCTION.—Section 136(d) of such  
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 17013(d)) is amended by adding at  
18 the end the following:

19 “(5) DEDICATION OF PROCEEDS TO DEBT RE-  
20 Duction.—All the proceeds from the repayment of  
21 loans under this subsection shall be used by the Sec-  
22 retary of the Treasury to pay down the national  
23 debt.”.

1           (2) SUNSET.—Section 136(d) of the Energy  
2           Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.  
3           17013(d)) shall be repealed on January 1, 2020.

4           (3) NATIONAL DEBT REPAYMENT.—Any  
5           amount appropriated for loans pursuant to section  
6           136(d) of the Energy Independence and Security  
7           Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17013(d)) that remains un-  
8           obligated as of the date set forth in paragraph (2)  
9           is rescinded and shall be used by the Secretary of  
10          the Treasury to pay down the national debt.

11          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
12          136(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 17013(i)) is amended by  
13          striking “2008 through 2012” and inserting “2015  
14          through 2020”.