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H. R. 6248

To require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. NEHLS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. CARSON, and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations.

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 “Think Differently
5 Transportation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON AMTRAK ADA COMPLIANCE.**

7 Section 24315(b)(1) of title 49, United States Code,
8 is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B) by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (C) by striking the period
4 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(D) shall include an action plan for bring-
7 ing Amtrak rail cars and Amtrak-served sta-
8 tions that are not in compliance with the Amer-
9 icans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
10 12101 et seq.) into compliance with such Act as
11 required by the settlement agreement entered
12 into in 2020 between Amtrak and the Depart-
13 ment of Justice, as applicable; and

14 “(E) shall include a status report on—

15 “(i) Amtrak-served stations for which
16 Amtrak is solely responsible for compliance
17 with such Act based on an assessment car-
18 ried out by Amtrak, including a timeline
19 for any required compliance with such Act
20 consistent with the terms of the agreement
21 described in subparagraph (D);

22 “(ii) Amtrak-served stations for which
23 Amtrak has a shared responsibility for
24 compliance with such Act based on an as-
25 sessment carried out by Amtrak, including

1 a timeline for any required compliance
2 with such Act for the portions of the sta-
3 tion for which Amtrak is the responsible
4 party consistent with the terms of the
5 agreement described in subparagraph (D),
6 and who is responsible for compliance with
7 such Act for the other portions of the Am-
8 trak-served station where Amtrak is not
9 the responsible party and the timeline for
10 compliance where Amtrak is not the re-
11 sponsible party; and

12 “(iii) the status of compliance with
13 such Act for all Amtrak-served stations for
14 which Amtrak is not the responsible party,
15 nor is responsible for a portion of the sta-
16 tion, and the entity or entities that have
17 responsibility for compliance with such
18 Act, based on an assessment carried out by
19 Amtrak.”.

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