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H. R. 3985

[Report No. 110-456]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 29, 2007

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MICA, and Mr. DUNCAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “Over-the-Road Bus
5 Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARRIERS OF PAS-**
7 **SENGERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13902(a)(1) of title 49,
9 United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
11 graph (B)(iii);

12 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
13 paragraph (D); and

14 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(C) the accessibility requirements estab-
17 lished by the Secretary under subpart H of part
18 37 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, or
19 such successor regulations to those accessibility
20 requirements as the Secretary may issue, for
21 transportation provided by an over-the-road
22 bus; and”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections
24 13902(a)(5) and 13905(d)(1)(A) of such title are each
25 amended by inserting after “Board” the following: “(in-

1 cluding the accessibility requirements established by the
2 Secretary under subpart H of part 37 of title 49, Code
3 of Federal Regulations, or such successor regulations to
4 those accessibility requirements as the Secretary may
5 issue, for transportation provided by an over-the-road
6 bus)”.
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7 **SEC. 3. OVER-THE-ROAD BUS DEFINED.**

8 Section 13102 of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(27) OVER-THE-ROAD BUS.—The term ‘over-
11 the-road bus’ means a bus characterized by an ele-
12 vated passenger deck located over a baggage com-
13 partment.”.

14 **SEC. 4. DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF REGISTRA-
15 TION REQUIREMENTS.**

16 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
17 of this Act, the Secretary shall take necessary actions to
18 implement the changes required by the amendment made
19 by section 2(a) relating to registration of motor carriers
20 providing transportation by an over-the-road bus.

21 **SEC. 5. COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUS-
22 TICE.**

23 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
24 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation and the Attor-
25 ney General shall enter into a memorandum of under-

1 standing to delineate the specific roles and responsibilities
2 of the Department of Transportation and the Department
3 of Justice, respectively, in enforcing the compliance of
4 motor carriers of passengers providing transportation by
5 an over-the-road bus (as defined in section 13102 of title
6 49, United States Code) with the accessibility require-
7 ments established by the Secretary under subpart H of
8 part 37 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, or such
9 successor regulations to those accessibility requirements
10 as the Secretary may issue. Such memorandum shall rec-
11 ognize the Department of Transportation's statutory re-
12 sponsibilities as clarified by this Act (including the amend-
13 ments made by this Act).

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