

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5872

AN ACT

To require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sequestration Trans-
3 parency Act of 2012”.

4 **SEC. 2. SEQUESTER PREVIEW.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the President shall submit
7 to Congress a detailed report on the sequestration re-
8 quired to be ordered by paragraphs (7)(A) and (8) of sec-
9 tion 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
10 Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a) for fiscal year 2013
11 on January 2, 2013.

12 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by
13 subsection (a) shall include—

14 (1) for discretionary appropriations—

15 (A) an estimate for each category of the
16 sequestration percentages and amounts nec-
17 essary to achieve the required reduction; and

18 (B)(i) for accounts that are funded pursu-
19 ant to an enacted regular appropriation bill for
20 fiscal year 2013, an identification of each ac-
21 count to be sequestered and estimates of the
22 level of sequestrable budgetary resources and
23 resulting reductions at the program, project,
24 and activity level based upon the enacted level
25 of appropriations; and

1 (ii) for accounts that have not been funded
2 pursuant to an enacted regular appropriation
3 bill for fiscal year 2013, an identification of
4 each account to be sequestered and estimates
5 pursuant to a continuing resolution at a rate of
6 operations as provided in the applicable appro-
7 priation Act for fiscal year 2012 of the level of
8 sequestrable budgetary resources and resulting
9 reductions at the program, project, and activity
10 level;

11 (2) for direct spending—

12 (A) an estimate for the defense and non-
13 defense functions based on current law of the
14 sequestration percentages and amount nec-
15 essary to achieve the required reduction; and

16 (B) an identification of the reductions re-
17 quired for each nonexempt direct spending ac-
18 count at the program, project, and activity
19 level;

20 (3) an identification of all exempt discretionary
21 accounts and of all exempt direct spending accounts;
22 and

23 (4) any other data and explanations that en-
24 hance public understanding of the sequester and ac-
25 tions to be taken under it.

1 (c) AGENCY ASSISTANCE.—(1) Upon the request of
2 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (in
3 assisting the President in the preparation of the report
4 under subsection (a)), the head of each agency, after con-
5 sultation with the chairs and ranking members of the
6 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
7 atives and the Senate, shall promptly provide to the Direc-
8 tor information at the program, project, and activity level
9 necessary for the Director to prepare the report under
10 subsection (a).

11 (2) As used in this subsection, the term “agency”
12 means any executive agency as defined in section 105 of
13 title 5, United States Code.

Passed the House of Representatives July 18, 2012.

Attest:

Clerk.

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