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To provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Modernizing Govern-
5 ment Travel Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE**
7 **OF MODERN TRAVEL SERVICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act—

1 (1) the Administrator of General Services shall
2 prescribe regulations under section 5707 of title 5,
3 United States Code, to provide for the reimburse-
4 ment for the use of a transportation network com-
5 pany or innovative mobility technology company by
6 a Federal employee traveling on official business
7 under subchapter I of chapter 57 of such title; and

8 (2) the Director of the Administrative Office of
9 the United States Courts shall prescribe such regu-
10 lations with respect to the reimbursement of employ-
11 ees of the judicial branch of the Government.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) INNOVATIVE MOBILITY TECHNOLOGY COM-
14 PANY.—The term “innovative mobility technology
15 company” means an organization, including a cor-
16 poration, limited liability company, partnership, sole
17 proprietorship, or any other entity, that applies tech-
18 nology to expand and enhance available transpor-
19 tation choices, better manage demand for transpor-
20 tation services, or provide alternatives to driving
21 alone.

22 (2) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY.—
23 The term “transportation network company”—

24 (A) means a corporation, partnership, sole
25 proprietorship, or other entity that uses a dig-

1 ital network to connect riders to drivers affili-
 2 ated with the entity in order for the driver to
 3 transport the rider using a vehicle owned,
 4 leased, or otherwise authorized for use by the
 5 driver to a point chosen by the rider; and

6 (B) does not include a shared-expense car-
 7 pool or vanpool arrangement that is not in-
 8 tended to generate profit for the driver.

9 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION COSTS.**

10 Section 5707(c) of title 5, United States Code, is
 11 amended to read as follows:

12 “(c)(1) Not later than November 31 of each year, the
 13 head of each agency shall submit to the Administrator of
 14 General Services, in a format prescribed by the Adminis-
 15 trator and approved by the Director of the Office of Man-
 16 agement and Budget—

17 “(A) data on total agency payments for such
 18 items as travel and transportation of people, average
 19 costs and durations of trips, and purposes of official
 20 travel;

21 “(B) data on estimated total agency payments
 22 for employee relocation; and

23 “(C) an analysis of—

24 “(i) the total costs of transportation serv-
 25 ice by type; and

1 “(ii) the total number of trips using each
2 transportation type for purposes of official trav-
3 el.

4 “(2) The Administrator of General Services shall
5 make the data and analyses submitted under paragraph
6 (1) publically available upon receipt.

7 “(3) Not later than January 31 of each year, the Ad-
8 ministrators of General Services shall submit to the Direc-
9 tor of the Office of Management and Budget, the Com-
10 mittee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House
11 of Representatives, and the Committee on Homeland Se-
12 curity and Government Affairs of the Senate—

13 “(A) an examination of the data and analyses sub-
14 mitted under paragraph (1) for the agencies listed in sec-
15 tion 901(b) of title 31;

16 “(B) a survey of such data and analyses for each
17 agency not listed in section 901(b) of title 31; and

18 “(C) a description of any regulations promulgated, or
19 changes to regulations promulgated, under this section
20 during the previous year.”.

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