

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of air ambulance operations to identify solutions to improve affordability.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 636

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, and Ms. HEITKAMP) to the amendment (No. 3464) proposed by Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. NELSON)

Viz:

1 On page 201, between lines 9 and 10, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (e) REPORT ON COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AIR AM-
4 BULANCE OPERATIONS AND SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE AF-
5 FORDABILITY.—

6 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
7 United States shall conduct a study of—

8 (A) the costs associated with conducting
9 air ambulance operations;

1 (B) prices charged to consumers for air
2 ambulance operations;

3 (C) methods for consumers to cover costs
4 of air ambulance operations; and

5 (D) solutions to improve the overall afford-
6 ability of air ambulance operations.

7 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the study
8 required under paragraph (1), the Comptroller Gen-
9 eral shall consider—

10 (A) data pertaining to the final cost to the
11 consumer for utilizing air ambulance oper-
12 ations;

13 (B) the frequency of inclusion of coverage
14 for air ambulance operations in health insur-
15 ance plans; and

16 (C) any unique qualities of air ambulance
17 operations that would warrant additional Fed-
18 eral or State oversight on prices, routes, and
19 service.

20 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
22 General shall submit a report containing the results
23 of the study conducted under this subsection and the
24 Comptroller General's findings, conclusions, and rec-
25 ommendations to—

1 (A) the Committee on Appropriations of
2 the Senate;

3 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
4 and Transportation of the Senate;

5 (C) the Committee on Health, Education,
6 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

7 (D) the Committee on Finance of the Sen-
8 ate;

9 (E) the Committee on Appropriations of
10 the House of Representatives;

11 (F) the Committee on Transportation and
12 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

13 (G) the Committee on Education and the
14 Workforce of the House of Representatives; and

15 (H) the Committee on Financial Services
16 of the House of Representatives.