AMENDMENT TO RULES

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Page 1446, after line 21, insert the following:

SEC. 9608. GAO STUDY ON COST ALLOCATION OF RAIL PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION LIABILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall initiate a study of the apportionment of liability among owners of right-of-way on the Northeast Corridor and passenger rail operators on the Northeast Corridor in accordance with section 24905 of title 49, United States Code, the Northeast Corridor Commission’s cost allocation policy, and the statutory prohibition on cross-subsidization under such section.

(b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Upon completion of the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall issue recommendations to the Northeast Corridor Commission, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on how to determine equitable liability allocation policy be-
tween owners of right-of-way on the Northeast Corridor and passenger rail operators on the Northeast Corridor.

(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In issuing recommendations under subsection (b), the Comptroller General shall consider that any recommendations may be implemented differently amongst the various Northeast Corridor passenger rail entities based on differing ownership and operational profiles.

(d) CONCLUSION.—If a mutually agreed upon resolution between owners of right-of-way on the Northeast Corridor and passenger rail operators on the Northeast Corridor is reached prior to the completion of the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall conclude the study.