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H. R. 3296

To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the purchase, rent, or lease, for use as a schoolbus, of a motor vehicle that does not comply with motor vehicle safety standards that apply to schoolbuses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Schoolbus Safety Act
5 of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE, RENTAL, OR LEASE**
2 **OF NONCOMPLYING MOTOR VEHICLE FOR**
3 **USE AS A SCHOOLBUS.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 30112(a) of title 49,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Except as pro-
7 vided in this section”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) Except as provided in this section, sections
10 30113 and 30114 of this title, and subchapter III of this
11 chapter, a person may not purchase, rent, or lease any
12 motor vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers
13 that the person knows or reasonably should know will be
14 used significantly for transport referred to in subsection
15 (a)(1) of section 30125 of this title (relating to standards
16 for schoolbuses and schoolbus equipment), unless the
17 motor vehicle complies with motor vehicle standards that
18 apply to schoolbuses under that section.”.

19 (b) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—Subsection (a)
20 shall not apply to any purchase, rent, or lease of a motor
21 vehicle required under a contract entered into before the
22 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION OF SCHOOLBUS SAFETY STANDARDS**
2 **TO MOTOR VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORT**
3 **OF POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

4 Section 30125(a)(2) of title 49, United States Code,
5 is amended by striking “and secondary” and inserting
6 “secondary, and postsecondary”.

7 **SEC. 4. PENALTY.**

8 Section 30165(a) of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “A person”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2)(A) The maximum amount of a civil penalty
13 under this subsection shall be \$25,000, in the case of—

14 “(i) the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, intro-
15 duction or delivery for introduction into interstate
16 commerce, or importation of a schoolbus or school-
17 bus equipment (as those terms are defined in section
18 30125(a) of this title) in violation of section
19 30112(a)(1) of this title; or

20 “(ii) a violation of section 30112(a)(2) of this
21 title.

22 “(B) This paragraph does not affect the maximum
23 penalty for a related series of violations.

24 “(C) Amounts received by the United States in the
25 form of civil penalties under this subsection for a violation
26 referred to in subparagraph (A) (i) or (ii) shall be depos-

1 ited into a separate account in the Treasury and may be
2 used only by the Secretary, in such amounts as are pro-
3 vided in advance in appropriations Acts, for enforcement
4 of this chapter with respect to such violations.”.

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