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To direct the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct a study with respect to motor vehicle flammability hazards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “Motor Vehicle Flam-
5 mability Standards Study Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON MOTOR VEHICLE FLAMMABILITY HAZ-**
2 **ARDS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Administrator shall conduct a
4 study—

5 (1) to identify—

6 (A) the safety risks to motor vehicle occu-
7 pants and first responders related to the flam-
8 mability of materials used in the occupant com-
9 partments of motor vehicles;

10 (B) the chemicals, materials, and tech-
11 nologies used by manufacturers to comply with
12 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No.
13 302; and

14 (C) the likely human health and environ-
15 mental hazards to motor vehicle occupants and
16 first responders associated with exposure to
17 chemicals, materials, and technologies identi-
18 fied, relevant to their use in motor vehicles
19 under subparagraph (B) including for suscep-
20 tible subpopulations within the general motor
21 vehicle occupants and first responders popu-
22 lation identified by the Administrator who, due
23 to either greater susceptibility or greater expo-
24 sure, may be at greater risk than the general
25 population of adverse health effects from expo-
26 sure to such chemicals, materials, or tech-

1 nologies, such as infants, children, pregnant
2 women, or the elderly; and

3 (2) to analyze—

4 (A) with respect to risks identified under
5 paragraph (1)(A), methods for mitigating such
6 risks, including the extent to which Federal
7 Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 302 miti-
8 gates such risks; and

9 (B) with respect to any hazards identified
10 under paragraph (1)(C), methods for mitigating
11 such hazards, including alternative methods of
12 compliance with respect to Federal Motor Vehi-
13 cle Safety Standard No. 302.

14 (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
15 the Administrator shall coordinate, as determined appro-
16 priate by the Administrator, with—

17 (1) the Administrator of the Environmental
18 Protection Agency; and

19 (2) the Chair of the Consumer Product Safety
20 Commission.

21 (c) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.—In carrying out sub-
22 section (a), the Administrator shall provide a period for
23 public comment on the study conducted under subsection
24 (a).

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 30 months after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
3 submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
4 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
5 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and
6 publish on the website of the National Highway Traffic
7 Safety Administration, a report on the results of the
8 study.

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
11 trator” means the Administrator of the National
12 Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

13 (2) FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STAND-
14 ARD NO. 302.—The term “Federal Motor Vehicle
15 Safety Standard No. 302” means the Federal motor
16 vehicle safety standard described in section 571.302
17 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
18 cessor regulation).

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