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# H. R. 9162

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

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## A BILL

To prohibit the entry into the United States of connected vehicles associated with foreign adversaries.

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 “Protecting America  
5 from Chinese Cars Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES**  
2 **OF CONNECTED VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH**  
3 **FOREIGN ADVERSARIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—A connected vehicle may not  
5 enter, or otherwise be transported or conveyed into, the  
6 United States if—

7 (1) the country of origin of the connected vehi-  
8 cle is a covered country or the connected vehicle is  
9 designed within a covered country; or

10 (2) the manufacturer of the connected vehicle is  
11 a joint venture, subsidiary, or other entity in which  
12 more than 15 percent of the equity interest, voting  
13 interest, board representation, or other indicia of  
14 control, whether directly or indirectly, is owned or  
15 controlled by an entity, or combination of entities,  
16 organized under the laws of, or with its principal  
17 place of business in, a covered country.

18 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection  
19 (a) shall not apply to the entry, or other transportation  
20 or conveyance, of a connected vehicle into the United  
21 States if the vehicle—

22 (1) is not intended to be driven on public roads;  
23 and

24 (2) is being brought into the United States for  
25 the sole purpose of testing and evaluation by an en-  
26 tity that—

1 (A) is organized under the laws of a State  
2 in the United States;

3 (B) does not have its principal place of  
4 business in a covered country; and

5 (C) is not 25 percent or more, whether di-  
6 rectly or indirectly, owned or controlled by an  
7 entity, or combination of entities, organized  
8 under the laws of, or with its principal place of  
9 business in, a covered country.

10 (c) AUTHORIZATIONS.—

11 (1) ISSUANCE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner, in  
13 consultation with the Secretary of Commerce,  
14 may issue a general or specific authorization for  
15 a connected vehicle that would otherwise be  
16 subject to the prohibition under subsection (a)  
17 to enter the United States if—

18 (i) the Secretary determines, based on  
19 clear and convincing evidence and a writ-  
20 ten risk assessment, that the vehicle does  
21 not pose, and is not reasonably likely to  
22 pose—

23 (I) an undue risk of data  
24 exfiltration or of being remotely ma-  
25 nipulated or operated;

1 (II) a risk to critical infrastruc-  
2 ture or the integrity of the industrial  
3 base of the United States; or

4 (III) any other risk to the na-  
5 tional security of the United States;

6 (ii) not less than 60 days before the  
7 authorization takes effect, the Commis-  
8 sioner submits to Congress a detailed writ-  
9 ten notification, including the determina-  
10 tion under clause (i) and underlying anal-  
11 ysis, including the written risk assessment;  
12 and

13 (iii) during the 60-day period de-  
14 scribed in clause (ii), there is not enacted  
15 into law a joint resolution of disapproval  
16 with respect to the authorization of the  
17 item.

18 (B) MODIFICATION OR REVOCATION OF  
19 GENERAL OR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS.—The  
20 Commissioner may, at any time, modify, sus-  
21 pend, or revoke a general or specific authoriza-  
22 tion issued under subparagraph (A) if the Sec-  
23 retary—

(i) determines that the authorization no longer satisfies the requirements of subparagraph (A)(i); and

(ii) provides the public with an opportunity to comment before modifying, suspending, or revoking the authorization.

(2) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF AUTHORIZED ITEMS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall publish, pursuant to section 553 of title 5, United States Code, and maintain a list of the connected vehicles with respect to which an authorization under paragraph (1) has been issued. The initial such list shall be published not later than January 1, 2027.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—To the extent possible, the Secretary shall include, in the list required by subparagraph (A), the manufacturer and make and model for each connected vehicle on the list.

(ii) RISK ASSESSMENT.—To the extent possible, the Secretary shall include, in the list required by subparagraph (A), a detailed explanation about why each con-

1                   nected vehicle on the list does not pose a  
2                   risk described in paragraph (1)(A).

3           (3) REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZATION.—Not  
4       later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner shall  
5       establish a procedure pursuant to which a manufac-  
6       turer of connected vehicles may seek authorization  
7       under paragraph (1) for the entry in the United  
8       States of a connected vehicle that would otherwise  
9       be subject to the prohibition under subsection (a).

10       (d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the  
11      date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner, in  
12      consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall pre-  
13      scribe regulations to implement this section that include—

14               (1) a list of connected vehicles subject to the  
15      prohibition under subsection (a); and

16               (2) a plan for disseminating information about  
17      those vehicles to the public.

18       (e) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—The prohibi-  
19      tion under subsection (a) shall—

20               (1) take effect on the date that is 30 days after  
21      the regulations required by subsection (d) are pub-  
22      lished in the Federal Register; and

23               (2) apply to connected vehicles attempted to be  
24      entered, or otherwise transported or conveyed into,

1 the United States on and after the date described in  
2 paragraph (1).

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COMMISSIONER.—The term “Commis-  
5 sioner” means the Commissioner of U.S. Customs  
6 and Border Protection.

7 (2) CONNECTED VEHICLE.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by  
9 subparagraph (B), the term “connected vehicle”  
10 means a vehicle driven or drawn by mechanical  
11 power and manufactured primarily for use on  
12 public streets, roads, and highways, that inte-  
13 grates onboard networked hardware with auto-  
14 motive software systems to communicate via  
15 dedicated short-range communication, cellular  
16 telecommunications connectivity, satellite com-  
17 munication, or other wireless spectrum  
18 connectivity with any other network or device.

19 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “connected  
20 vehicle” does not include a vehicle operated only  
21 on a rail line.

22 (3) COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.—The term “country  
23 of origin”, with respect to a vehicle, means the coun-  
24 try—

1 (A) in which the vehicle is manufactured;

2 or

3 (B) the government of which owns or con-

4 trols, or has jurisdiction or direction over—

5 (i) the entity manufacturing the vehi-

6 cle; or

7 (ii) the entity supplying the vehicle.

8 (4) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term “covered

9 country” means—

10 (A) the Democratic People’s Republic of

11 North Korea;

12 (B) the People’s Republic of China;

13 (C) the Russian Federation; and

14 (D) the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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