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# H. R. 1605

Prohibiting the manufacture, sale, delivery, or importation of school buses  
that do not have seat belts.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLECZKA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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of school buses that do not have seat belts.

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. PROHIBITION.**

4       No person shall manufacture, sell, deliver, or import  
5       any school bus, constructed after the effective date of this  
6       Act, for use by a person described in section 2 to provide  
7       transportation service, unless such school bus is equipped  
8       with a seat belt for each passenger riding in such school  
9       bus.

1 **SEC. 2. PERSONS TO WHICH PROHIBITION APPLIES.**

2 The prohibition set forth in section 1 shall apply to—

3 (1) any school bus, as such term is defined in  
4 section 4221(d)(7)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code  
5 of 1986; and

6 (2) any Federal, State, or local government en-  
7 tity, school district, or other public or private entity  
8 providing transportation to passengers by school  
9 bus.

10 **SEC. 3. CIVIL PENALTIES; SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY TO**  
11 **COMPROMISE.**

12 (a) AMOUNT OF PENALTIES.—Whoever violates any  
13 provision of this Act, or any regulation issued thereunder,  
14 shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000  
15 for each such violation. A violation with respect to each  
16 school bus shall constitute a separate violation, except that  
17 the maximum civil penalty shall not exceed \$800,000 for  
18 any related series of violations.

19 (b) COMPROMISE OF PENALTIES.—Any such civil  
20 penalty may be compromised by the Secretary of Trans-  
21 portation. In determining the amount of such penalty, or  
22 the amount agreed upon in compromise, the appropriate-  
23 ness of such penalty to the size of the business of the per-  
24 son charged and the gravity of the violation shall be con-  
25 sidered.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       This Act shall take effect 90 days after the date of  
3 its enactment.

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