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To establish programs designed to bring about drug free teenage driving.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICA (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. McCOLLUM, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. GOSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Drug Free Teenage
5 Drivers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

7 The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
8 shall, within 180 days of the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, establish a demonstration program in the States to
10 provide voluntary drug testing for all teenager applicants

1 (or other first time applicants for a driver's license regard-
2 less of age) for a driver's license. Information respecting
3 an applicant's choice not to take the drug test or the result
4 of the drug test on the applicant shall be made available
5 to the applicant's automobile insurance company. If an ap-
6 plicant tests positive in the drug test, the State in which
7 the program is established—

8 (1) will not issue a license to the applicant; and

9 (2) will require the applicant to complete a
10 State drug treatment program and to not test posi-
11 tive in a drug test before reapplying for a license.

12 **SEC. 3. INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
14 shall establish an incentive grant program to States to as-
15 sist the States in improving their laws relating to con-
16 trolled substances and driving.

17 (b) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—To qualify for a grant
18 under subsection (a) a State shall do the following:

19 (1) Enact, actively enforce, and publicize a law
20 which makes it illegal to drive in the State with any
21 measurable amount of an illegal controlled substance
22 in the driver's body. An illegal controlled substance
23 is a controlled substance for which an individual
24 does not have a legal written prescription. An indi-
25 vidual who is convicted of such illegal driving shall—

1 (A) have the individual's driving license
2 suspended until the individual completes the
3 State drug treatment program referred to in
4 subparagraph (B) and does not test positive in
5 a drug test; and

6 (B) require the individual to participate in
7 a State drug treatment program.

8 (2) Enact, actively enforce, and publicize a law
9 which authorizes the suspension (for an appropriate
10 term as determined by the State) of a driver's li-
11 cense if the driver is convicted of any criminal of-
12 fense relating to drugs.

13 (3) Enact a law which provides that beginning
14 driver applicants and other individuals applying for
15 or renewing a driver's license will be provided infor-
16 mation about the laws referred to in paragraphs (1)
17 and (2) and will be required to answer drug-related
18 questions on their applications.

19 (c) USE.—A State may only use a grant under sub-
20 section (a) to implement and enforce the programs de-
21 scribed in subsection (b).

22 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

23 The Secretary of Transportation shall provide to the
24 States technical assistance for—

- 1 (1) training law enforcement officers in the
2 Standardized Field Sobriety Testing techniques to
3 detect impaired drivers;
- 4 (2) expanding drug information and training by
5 involving prosecutors in community drug prevention
6 programs; and
- 7 (3) promoting uniform sanctions for drug of-
8 fenses, referring drug offenders to assessment and
9 treatment programs and involving judges in commu-
10 nity drug prevention programs.

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