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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 1999

Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 “Automobile Emissions
5 Information Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS LABELS ON NEW AUTO-**
2 **MOBILES.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION
4 AND COST SAVINGS ACT REQUIREMENTS.—Section
5 32908 of title 49 of the United States Code is amended
6 as follows:

7 (1) By adding the following at the end of sub-
8 section (b)(1):

9 “(G) An air pollutant emissions index number
10 representing the composite level of emissions from
11 the automobile of all air pollutants regulated under
12 section 202 of the Clean Air Act, as determined by
13 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
14 Agency under section 2(b) of the Automobile Emis-
15 sions Consumer Information Act of 1999.

16 “(H) The range of the air pollutant emissions
17 index numbers of comparable automobiles of all
18 manufacturers.”.

19 (2) By amending subsection (d) of such section
20 by inserting “or air pollutant emissions” after “fuel
21 costs”.

22 (b) STATE SUBJECT TO WAIVER.—Section 32919 of
23 title 49 of the United States Code is amended by inserting
24 “or air pollutant emissions” after “operating costs” and
25 by adding the following at the end thereof: “The air pollut-
26 ant emissions requirements of section 32908 shall not

1 apply in any State for which a waiver is in effect under
2 section 209(b) of the Clean Air Act.”.

3 (c) COMPOSITE EMISSIONS INDEX NUMBER.—For
4 each model of automobile and for each model year, the
5 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
6 shall calculate, under regulations promulgated by the Ad-
7 ministrator, provide to the automobile manufacturer, and
8 publish an air pollutant emissions index number rep-
9 resenting the composite level of emissions of all air pollut-
10 ants regulated under section 202 of the Clean Air Act.
11 Such number shall be based on information provided
12 under section 206(e) of the Clean Air Act and shall be
13 weighed by the Administrator on the basis of the relative
14 contribution of emissions from the automobile model con-
15 cerned to violations of the national ambient air quality
16 standards.

17 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Administrator shall pro-
18 mulgate regulations under this Act not later than 180
19 days after the enactment of this Act. This Act and the
20 amendments made by this Act shall take effect with re-
21 spect to motor vehicle model years beginning after the first
22 model year after the promulgation of such regulations.

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