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H. R. 3848

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to enter into an arrangement with Temple University to conduct a study on the impact on highway safety of distractions to drivers operating motor vehicles in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2000

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania 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 “Driver Distraction Pre-
5 vention Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-

1 tation shall enter into an arrangement with Temple Uni-
2 versity's Institute for Survey Research, located in Phila-
3 delphia, Pennsylvania, to conduct a study on the impact
4 on highway safety of distractions to drivers operating
5 motor vehicles in the United States.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under sub-
7 section (a) shall include each of the following:

8 (1) An analysis of the impact on highway safety
9 of the use of communications and entertainment
10 technologies by drivers, including the use of—
11 (A) wireless telephones;
12 (B) pagers;
13 (C) facsimile machines;
14 (D) locator and global positioning devices;
15 (E) AM/FM radios;
16 (F) citizen band radios;
17 (G) dispatch radios;
18 (H) compact disc players;
19 (I) audio cassette players; and
20 (J) televisions and other video players.

21 (2) An analysis of any other distractions to
22 drivers, if such distractions substantially impact
23 highway safety.

4 (4) An analysis of any technologies, existing or
5 proposed, that reduce distractions to drivers.

6 (5) Recommendations for any public or private
7 strategies, including any proposals for legislative or
8 regulatory action, to reduce the negative impacts on
9 highway safety of distractions to drivers.

10 (c) TRANSMITTAL.—The Secretary shall require
11 under any arrangement entered into under subsection (a)
12 that, not later than 1 year after the date on which the
13 Secretary entered into such arrangement, Temple Univer-
14 sity's Institute for Survey Research transmit copies of the
15 study conducted under this Act to the Secretary and to
16 Congress.

17 SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

18 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
19 this Act \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

