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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

Prohibiting the manufacture, sale, delivery, or importation of 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 bus, constructed after the effective date of this Act,
6 for use by a person described in section 2 to provide trans-
7 portation service, unless such bus is equipped with a seat
8 belt for each passenger riding in such bus.

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

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

1 (1) any bus, including a school bus, designed to
2 transport more than 15 passengers, including the
3 driver; and

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

7 **SEC. 3. CIVIL PENALTIES; SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY TO**
8 **COMPROMISE.**

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

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

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

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

