

107TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 405

To amend title 49 of the United States Code to require automobile manufacturers to provide automatic door locks on new passenger cars manufactured after 2004.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2001

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Auto Safety Assurance  
5       Act of 2001”.

6       **SEC. 2. AUTOMATIC AUTOMOBILE DOOR LOCKS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 49 of the United States  
8       Code is amended by inserting after section 30127 the fol-  
9       lowing new section:

1 **“§ 30128. Automatic door locks**

2 “(a) Not later than January 1, 2002, the Secretary  
3 of Transportation shall prescribe under this chapter an  
4 amendment to Federal Motor Vehicle Standard 206 issued  
5 under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act  
6 of 1966. The amendment shall require that all passenger  
7 cars manufactured after January 1, 2004, shall be fitted  
8 with equipment which automatically locks the doors of the  
9 vehicle when—

10 “(1) the vehicle transmission is engaged; or

11 “(2) the vehicle reaches a specified rate of  
12 speed.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table at the begin-  
14 ning of subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, is  
15 amended by adding after the item related to section 30127  
16 the following new item:

“30128. Automatic door locks.”.

