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# H. R. 1226

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Safer Roads Every-  
5 where Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In 2000, according to the World Health Or-  
9 ganization, road traffic injuries were among the top

1 3 causes of death and disability burden worldwide  
2 for people between 5 and 44 years old.

3 (2) In 2000, road traffic injuries were the lead-  
4 ing injury-related cause of death among youths  
5 worldwide and among the top 10 causes of death  
6 and disability for all ages combined.

7 (3) In 2000, road traffic injuries caused  
8 1,259,838 deaths worldwide and resulted in a loss of  
9 41,234,097 life-years to disability.

10 (4) Traffic safety will be a focus of a major  
11 international health campaign in 2004.

12 (5) The Department of State reports that road  
13 traffic accidents are a leading cause of death and in-  
14 jury of United States citizens when traveling or liv-  
15 ing abroad.

16 (6) Through international cooperative activities  
17 the United States can gain knowledge regarding bet-  
18 ter traffic safety practices and programs worldwide  
19 and use that knowledge to improve traffic safety in  
20 the United States.

21 (7) It is estimated that annual costs attrib-  
22 utable to road crashes are \$500,000,000,000 glob-  
23 ally and \$65,000,000,000 in developing and transi-  
24 tional countries.

1 **SEC. 3. ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE WORLDWIDE TRAFFIC**  
2 **SAFETY.**

3 Section 401 of title 23, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before  
6 “The Secretary”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) WORLDWIDE TRAFFIC SAFETY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may conduct  
10 activities to improve worldwide traffic safety and re-  
11 duce the burden of deaths and injuries from traffic  
12 accidents.

13 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—Activities conducted under  
14 this subsection may include the following:

15 “(A) Activities to promote and support  
16 international cooperative programs for con-  
17 ducting research, development, demonstration  
18 projects, training, governmental twinning ar-  
19 rangements, and other forms of technology  
20 transfer and exchange, including development of  
21 international plans of action, safety conferences,  
22 seminars, and expositions, and partnerships be-  
23 tween non-governmental organizations in the  
24 United States and civil society in other coun-  
25 tries to enhance international traffic safety and  
26 to reduce traffic-related injuries and deaths.

1           “(B) Technical assistance to international  
2           organizations and other countries relating to  
3           training and development of strategies, plans of  
4           action, standards, regulations, or practices to  
5           improve traffic safety, raise awareness of the  
6           socioeconomic and public health benefits of traf-  
7           fic safety measures, and reduce traffic injuries  
8           and deaths.

9           “(3) CONSULTATION.—As appropriate, the Sec-  
10          retary shall carry out activities under this subsection  
11          in consultation with the Secretaries of State and  
12          Commerce.

13          “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
14          There is authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-  
15          ministrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety  
16          Administration to carry out this subsection  
17          \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through  
18          2009. Such sums shall remain available until ex-  
19          pended.”.

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