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# H. R. 400

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2003

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 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANTICARJACKING AUTOMOBILE SAFETY LOCKS.**

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

5 **“§ 30128. Occupant safety locks**

6 “Not later than January 1, 2004, the Secretary of  
7 Transportation shall prescribe under this chapter an  
8 amendment to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard  
9 206 (49 C.F.R. 571.206) issued under the National Traf-  
10 fic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966. The amendment  
11 shall require that all passenger cars (as such term is de-  
12 fined in section 30127(a)(3)) manufactured after Decem-  
13 ber 31, 2005, shall be fitted with—

14 “(1) equipment that automatically locks the  
15 doors of the vehicle when—

16 “(A) the vehicle transmission is engaged;  
17 or

18 “(B) the vehicle reaches a specified rate of  
19 speed; and

20 “(2) vehicle trunk lock mechanisms that permit  
21 unlatching from inside the trunk.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 at the beginning of subtitle IV of title 49, United States

- 1 Code, is amended by adding after the item related to sec-
- 2 tion 30127 the following new item:

“30128. Occupant safety locks.”.

