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# H. R. 2230

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) 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 “Cameron Gulbransen  
5       Kids and Cars Safety Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING REGARDING CHILD SAFETY.**

7       (a) **POWER WINDOW SAFETY.**—Not later than 18  
8       months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1   retary of Transportation shall issue regulations applicable  
2   to all light passenger vehicles to ensure that power win-  
3   dows and panels automatically reverse direction when they  
4   detect an obstruction to prevent children from being  
5   trapped, injured, or killed.

6       (b) DRIVER REMINDER SYSTEM.—Not later than 18  
7   months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8   retary of Transportation shall issue regulations applicable  
9   to all light passenger vehicles requiring a system of driver  
10  notification or reminder system once the ignition switch  
11  is in the off position if passengers remain in any of the  
12  rear seating positions of the vehicle.

13       (c) REARWARD VISIBILITY.—Not later than 18  
14  months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
15  retary of Transportation shall issue regulations applicable  
16  to all light passenger vehicles requiring a rearward visi-  
17  bility performance standard that will provide drivers with  
18  an unobstructed view of the area behind the vehicle in  
19  order to prevent backing incidents involving death and in-  
20  jury especially to small children and disabled persons.

21       (d) PHASE IN PERIOD.—The regulations issued  
22  under subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall require that a  
23  phase-in period for compliance with the regulations shall  
24  commence not later than 6 months after the date such  
25  regulations are final, and shall require that all new light

1 passenger vehicles shall be fully in compliance with such  
2 regulations not later than September 1, 2010.

3 (e) DATABASE ON INJURIES AND DEATHS IN NON-  
4 TRAFFIC, NONCRASH EVENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months  
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
7 retary of Transportation shall establish and main-  
8 tain a database of, and collect annually data regard-  
9 ing injuries and deaths in nontraffic, noncrash  
10 events involving motor vehicles. The database shall  
11 include information regarding—

12 (A) the number, types, and proximate  
13 causes of injuries and deaths resulting from  
14 such events;

15 (B) the characteristics of motor vehicles  
16 involved in such events;

17 (C) the characteristics of the motor vehicle  
18 operators and victims involved in such events;  
19 and

20 (D) the presence or absence in motor vehi-  
21 cles involved in such events of advanced tech-  
22 nologies designed to prevent such injuries and  
23 deaths.

24 (2) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make  
25 the database available to the public.

1 **SEC. 3. CHILD SAFETY INFORMATION PROGRAM.**

2 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall either  
4 supplement a consumer information program relating to  
5 child safety or create a new program with information  
6 about hazards to children in nontraffic, noncrash incident  
7 situations. In executing this program, the Secretary  
8 shall—

9 (1) utilize information collected pursuant to sec-  
10 tion 2(e) regarding nontraffic, noncrash injuries, as  
11 well as other relevant data from private organiza-  
12 tions, to establish priorities for the program;

13 (2) address ways in which parents can mitigate  
14 dangers to small children arising from, at a min-  
15 imum, backover incidents, hyperthermia in closed ve-  
16 hicles, and accidental actuation of power windows;  
17 and

18 (3) make information related to the program  
19 available to the public via the Internet and through  
20 other means.

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