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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 Secretary 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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