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To amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment and enforcement by States of certain laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EHLERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Drunk Driving Repeat
5 Offender Prevention Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES TO PRE-**
2 **VENT REPEAT INTOXICATED DRIVING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 167. Use of ignition interlock devices to prevent re-**
7 **peat intoxicated driving**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
9 definitions apply:

10 “(1) ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION.—The term
11 ‘alcohol concentration’ means grams of alcohol per
12 100 milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per 210
13 liters of breath.

14 “(2) DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED; DRIVING
15 UNDER THE INFLUENCE.—The terms ‘driving while
16 intoxicated’ and ‘driving under the influence’ mean
17 driving or being in actual physical control of a motor
18 vehicle in a State while having an alcohol concentra-
19 tion above the permitted limit as established by the
20 State.

21 “(3) IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE.—The term
22 ‘ignition interlock device’ means an in-vehicle device
23 that requires a driver to provide a breath sample
24 prior to the motor vehicle starting, and that prevents
25 a motor vehicle from starting if the alcohol con-
26 centration of the driver is above the legal limit.

1 “(4) MOTOR VEHICLE.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘motor vehi-
3 cle’ means a vehicle driven or drawn by me-
4 chanical power and manufactured primarily for
5 use on public highways.

6 “(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘motor vehi-
7 cle’ does not include—

8 “(i) a vehicle operated solely on a rail
9 line; or

10 “(ii) a commercial vehicle.

11 “(b) LAWS REQUIRING IGNITION INTERLOCK DE-
12 VICES.—A State meets the requirements of this subsection
13 if the State has enacted and is enforcing a law that re-
14 quires throughout the State the installation of an ignition
15 interlock device for a minimum of 180 days on each motor
16 vehicle operated by an individual who is convicted of driv-
17 ing while intoxicated or driving under the influence.

18 “(c) WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FOR NONCOMPLI-
19 ANCE.—

20 “(1) FISCAL YEAR 2013.—On October 1, 2012,
21 the Secretary shall withhold 1 percent of the amount
22 required to be apportioned to a State under each of
23 sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(3), and 104(b)(4) if the
24 State does not meet the requirements of subsection
25 (b).

1 “(2) FISCAL YEAR 2014.—On October 1, 2013,
2 the Secretary shall withhold 3 percent of the amount
3 required to be apportioned to a State under each of
4 sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(3), and 104(b)(4) if the
5 State does not meet the requirements of subsection
6 (b).

7 “(3) FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND THEREAFTER.—On
8 October 1, 2014, and on October 1 of each fiscal
9 year thereafter, the Secretary shall withhold 5 per-
10 cent of the amount required to be apportioned to a
11 State under each of sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(3),
12 and 104(b)(4) if the State does not meet the re-
13 quirements of subsection (b).

14 “(d) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF WITHHELD
15 FUNDS; EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE AND NONCOMPLI-
16 ANCE.—

17 “(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF WITHHELD
18 FUNDS.—Any funds withheld under subsection (c)
19 from apportionment to a State shall remain available
20 for apportionment to the State until the end of the
21 third fiscal year following the fiscal year for which
22 the funds are authorized to be appropriated.

23 “(2) APPORTIONMENT OF WITHHELD FUNDS
24 AFTER COMPLIANCE.—If, before the last day of the
25 period for which funds withheld under subsection (c)

1 from apportionment are to remain available for ap-
2 portionment to a State under paragraph (1), the
3 State meets the requirements of subsection (b), the
4 Secretary shall, on the first day on which the State
5 meets the requirements of subsection (b), apportion
6 to the State the funds withheld under subsection (c)
7 that remain available for apportionment to the
8 State.

9 “(3) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF SUBSE-
10 QUENTLY APPORTIONED FUNDS.—Any funds appor-
11 tioned pursuant to paragraph (2)—

12 “(A) shall remain available for expenditure
13 until the end of the third fiscal year following
14 the fiscal year in which the funds are so appor-
15 tioned; and

16 “(B) if not obligated at the end of that pe-
17 riod, shall lapse.

18 “(4) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—If, at the
19 end of the period for which funds withheld under
20 subsection (c) from apportionment are available for
21 apportionment to a State under paragraph (1), the
22 State does not meet the requirements of subsection
23 (b), the funds shall lapse.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
2 chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by
3 adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 167. Use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving.”.

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