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To amend certain provisions of title 49, United States Code, relating to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. BONO MACK 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 “Motor Vehicle Safety
5 Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. PERMIT REMINDER SYSTEM FOR NON-USE OF SAFE-**
7 **TY BELTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 301 of title 49, United
9 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in section 30122, by striking subsection (d);

2 and

3 (2) by amending section 30124 to read as fol-

4 lows:

5 **“§ 30124. Nonuse of safety belts**

6 “A motor vehicle safety standard prescribed under
7 this chapter may not require a manufacturer to comply
8 with the standard by using a safety belt interlock designed
9 to prevent starting or operating a motor vehicle if an occu-
10 pant is not using a safety belt.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
12 chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, is amended
13 by striking the item relating to section 30124 and insert-
14 ing the following:

“30124. Nonuse of safety belts.”.

15 **SEC. 3. ODOMETER REQUIREMENTS.**

16 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 32702(5) of title 49,
17 United States Code, is amended by inserting “or system
18 of components” after “instrument”.

19 (b) ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURES OF ODOMETER IN-
20 FORMATION.—Section 32705 of title 49, United States
21 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(g) ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURES.—Not later than 18
23 months after the date of enactment of the Motor Vehicle
24 Safety Act of 2012, in carrying out this section, the Sec-
25 retary shall prescribe regulations permitting any written

1 disclosures or notices and related matters to be provided
2 electronically.”.

3 **SEC. 4. INCREASED PENALTIES AND DAMAGES FOR ODOM-**
4 **ETER FRAUD.**

5 Chapter 327 of title 49, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in section 32709(a)(1)—

8 (A) by striking “\$2,000” and inserting
9 “\$10,000”; and

10 (B) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting
11 “\$1,000,000”; and

12 (2) in section 32710(a), by striking “\$1,500”
13 and inserting “\$10,000”.

14 **SEC. 5. EXTEND PROHIBITIONS ON IMPORTING NON-**
15 **COMPLIANT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO**
16 **DEFECTIVE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.**

17 Section 30112 of title 49, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
20 following:

21 “(3) Except as provided in this section, section
22 30114, subsections (i) and (j) of section 30120, and
23 subchapter III, a person may not sell, offer for sale,
24 introduce or deliver for introduction in interstate
25 commerce, or import into the United States any

1 motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment if the vehi-
2 cle or equipment contains a defect related to motor
3 vehicle safety about which notice was given under
4 section 30118(c) or an order was issued under sec-
5 tion 30118(b). Nothing in this paragraph may be
6 construed to prohibit the importation of a new motor
7 vehicle that receives a required recall remedy before
8 being sold to a consumer in the United States.”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”
11 at the end;

12 (B) in subparagraph (B), by adding “or”
13 at the end; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(C) having no reason to know, despite ex-
16 ercising reasonable care, that a motor vehicle or
17 motor vehicle equipment contains a defect re-
18 lated to motor vehicle safety about which notice
19 was given under section 30118(c) or an order
20 was issued under section 30118(b);”.

21 **SEC. 6. CONDITIONS ON IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES AND**
22 **EQUIPMENT.**

23 Chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, is
24 amended—

1 (1) in the chapter analysis, by striking the item
 2 relating to section 30164 and inserting the fol-
 3 lowing:

“30164. Service of process; conditions on importation of vehicles and equip-
 ment.”;

4 and

5 (2) in section 30164—

6 (A) in the section heading, by adding “;
 7 **conditions on importation of vehicles**
 8 **and equipment**” at the end; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(c) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—A manufacturer
 11 (including an importer) offering a motor vehicle or motor
 12 vehicle equipment for import shall provide, upon request,
 13 such information that is necessary to identify and track
 14 the products as the Secretary, by rule, may specify, includ-
 15 ing—

16 “(1) the product by name and the manufactur-
 17 er’s address; and

18 “(2) each retailer or distributor to which the
 19 manufacturer directly supplied motor vehicles or
 20 motor vehicle equipment over which the Secretary
 21 has jurisdiction under this chapter.

22 “(d) REGULATIONS ON THE IMPORT OF A MOTOR
 23 VEHICLE.—The Secretary may issue regulations that—

1 “(1) condition the import of a motor vehicle or
2 motor vehicle equipment on the manufacturer’s com-
3 pliance with—

4 “(A) the requirements under this section;

5 “(B) paragraph (1) or (3) of section
6 30112(a) with respect to such motor vehicle or
7 motor vehicle equipment;

8 “(C) the provision of reports and records
9 required to be maintained with respect to such
10 motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment under
11 this chapter;

12 “(D) a request for inspection of premises,
13 vehicle, or equipment under section 30166;

14 “(E) an order or voluntary agreement to
15 remedy such vehicle or equipment; or

16 “(F) any rules implementing the require-
17 ments described in this subsection;

18 “(2) provide an opportunity for the manufac-
19 turer to present information before the Secretary’s
20 determination as to whether the manufacturer’s im-
21 ports should be restricted; and

22 “(3) establish a process by which a manufac-
23 turer may petition for reinstatement of its ability to
24 import motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment.

1 “(e) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of subsections
 2 (c) and (d) shall not apply to original manufacturers (or
 3 wholly owned subsidiaries) of motor vehicles that, prior to
 4 the date of enactment of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of
 5 2012—

6 “(1) have imported motor vehicles into the
 7 United States that are certified to comply with all
 8 applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards;

9 “(2) have submitted to the Secretary appro-
 10 priate manufacturer identification information under
 11 part 566 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations;
 12 and

13 “(3) if applicable, have identified a current
 14 agent for service of process in accordance with part
 15 551 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

16 “(f) RULEMAKING.—In issuing regulations under this
 17 section, the Secretary shall seek to reduce duplicative re-
 18 quirements by coordinating with the Department of
 19 Homeland Security.”.

20 **SEC. 7. PORT INSPECTIONS; SAMPLES FOR EXAMINATION**
 21 **OR TESTING.**

22 Section 30166(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
 23 amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
 25 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(in-
3 cluding at United States ports of entry)” after
4 “held for introduction in interstate commerce”;
5 and

6 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
7 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
8 and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(4) shall enter into a memorandum of under-
11 standing with the Secretary of Homeland Security
12 for inspections and sampling of motor vehicle equip-
13 ment being offered for import to determine compli-
14 ance with this chapter or a regulation or order
15 issued under this chapter.”.

16 **SEC. 8. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF RECALL INFORMATION.**

17 (a) **VEHICLE RECALL INFORMATION.**—Not later
18 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the
19 Secretary of Transportation shall require that the motor
20 vehicle safety recall information—

21 (1) be available to the public on the Internet;

22 (2) be searchable by vehicle make and model
23 and vehicle identification number;

24 (3) be in a format that preserves consumer pri-
25 vacy; and

1 (4) includes information about each recall that
2 has not been completed for each vehicle.

3 (b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Transportation
4 may initiate a rulemaking proceeding to require each man-
5 ufacturer to provide the information described in sub-
6 section (a), with respect to that manufacturer’s motor ve-
7 hicles, on a publicly accessible Internet Web site. Any rules
8 promulgated under this subsection—

9 (1) shall limit the information that must be
10 made available under this section to include only
11 those recalls issued not more than 15 years prior to
12 the date of enactment of this Act;

13 (2) may require information under paragraph
14 (1) to be provided to a dealer or an owner of a vehi-
15 cle at no charge; and

16 (3) shall permit a manufacturer a reasonable
17 period of time after receiving information from a
18 dealer with respect to a vehicle to update the infor-
19 mation about the vehicle on the publicly accessible
20 Internet Web site.

21 (c) PROMOTION OF AVAILABILITY OF RECALL IN-
22 FORMATION.—The Secretary of Transportation, in con-
23 sultation with the heads of other relevant agencies, shall
24 promote consumer awareness of the information made
25 available to the public pursuant to this section.

1 **SEC. 9. PROMOTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC**
2 **SAFETY ADMINISTRATION HOTLINE FOR**
3 **MANUFACTURER, DEALER, AND MECHANIC**
4 **PERSONNEL.**

5 The Secretary of Transportation shall publicize the
6 means for contacting the National Highway Traffic Safety
7 Administration in a manner that target mechanics, pas-
8 senger motor vehicle dealership personnel, and manufac-
9 turer personnel.

10 **SEC. 10. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH**
11 **DEALERS.**

12 Section 30166(f) of title 49, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (1) by striking “A manufacturer shall give the
15 Secretary of Transportation” and inserting the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A manufacturer shall give
18 the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary
19 shall make available on a publicly accessible Internet
20 Web site,”; and

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

22 “(2) INDEX.—Communications required to be
23 submitted to the Secretary under this subsection
24 shall be accompanied by an index to each commu-
25 nication, that—

1 “(A) identifies the make, model, and model
2 year of the affected vehicles;

3 “(B) includes a concise summary of the
4 subject matter of the communication; and

5 “(C) shall be made available by the Sec-
6 retary to the public on the Internet in a search-
7 able format.”.

8 **SEC. 11. PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION PRO-**
9 **GRAM.**

10 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 32301 of title 49, United
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
13 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

14 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redes-
15 ignated, the following:

16 “(1) ‘crash avoidance’ means preventing or
17 mitigating a crash;”; and

18 (3) in paragraph (2), as redesignated, by strik-
19 ing the period at the end and inserting “; and”.

20 (b) INFORMATION INCLUDED.—Section 32302(a) of
21 title 49, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, crash
23 avoidance, and any other areas the Secretary deter-
24 mines will improve the safety of passenger motor ve-
25 hicles” after “crashworthiness”; and

1 (2) by striking paragraph (4).

2 **SEC. 12. PROMOTION OF VEHICLE DEFECT REPORTING.**

3 Section 32302 of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) MOTOR VEHICLE DEFECT REPORTING INFOR-
6 MATION.—

7 “(1) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Not later than
8 1 year after the date of enactment of the Motor Ve-
9 hicle Safety Act of 2012, the Secretary shall pre-
10 scribe regulations that require passenger motor vehi-
11 cle manufacturers—

12 “(A) to affix, in the glove compartment or
13 in another readily accessible location on the ve-
14 hicle, a sticker, decal, or other device that pro-
15 vides, in simple and understandable language,
16 information about how to submit a safety-re-
17 lated motor vehicle defect complaint to the Na-
18 tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration;

19 “(B) to prominently print the information
20 described in subparagraph (A) within the own-
21 er’s manual; and

22 “(C) to not place such information on the
23 label required under section 3 of the Auto-
24 mobile Information Disclosure Act (15 U.S.C.
25 1232).

1 “(2) APPLICATION.—The requirements under
2 paragraph (1) shall apply to passenger motor vehi-
3 cles manufactured in any model year beginning more
4 than 1 year after the date on which a final rule is
5 published under paragraph (1).”.

6 **SEC. 13. STUDY OF CRASH DATA COLLECTION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation shall submit a report to the Committee on Com-
10 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
11 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
12 Representatives regarding the quality of data collected
13 through the National Automotive Sampling System, in-
14 cluding the Special Crash Investigations Program.

15 (b) REVIEW.—The Administrator of the National
16 Highway Traffic Safety Administration (referred to in this
17 section as the “Administration”) shall conduct a com-
18 prehensive review of the data elements collected from each
19 crash to determine if additional data should be collected.
20 The review under this subsection shall include input from
21 interested parties, including suppliers, automakers, safety
22 advocates, the medical community, and research organiza-
23 tions.

24 (c) CONTENTS.—The report issues under this section
25 shall include—

1 (1) the analysis and conclusions the Adminis-
2 tration can reach from the amount of motor vehicle
3 crash data collected in a given year;

4 (2) the additional analysis and conclusions the
5 Administration could reach if more crash investiga-
6 tions were conducted each year;

7 (3) the number of investigations per year that
8 would allow for optimal data analysis and crash in-
9 formation;

10 (4) the results of the comprehensive review con-
11 ducted pursuant to subsection (b);

12 (5) the incremental costs of collecting and ana-
13 lyzing additional data, as well as data from addi-
14 tional crashes;

15 (6) the potential for obtaining private funding
16 for all or a portion of the costs under paragraph (5);

17 (7) the potential for recovering any additional
18 costs from high volume users of the data, while con-
19 tinuing to make the data available to the general
20 public free of charge;

21 (8) the advantages or disadvantages of expand-
22 ing collection of non-crash data instead of crash
23 data;

24 (9) recommendations for improvements to the
25 Administration's data collection program; and

1 (10) the resources needed by the Administra-
2 tion to implement such recommendations.

3 **SEC. 14. UPDATE MEANS OF PROVIDING NOTIFICATION; IM-**
4 **PROVING EFFICACY OF RECALLS.**

5 (a) UPDATE OF MEANS OF PROVIDING NOTIFICA-
6 TION.—Section 30119(d) of title 49, United States Code,
7 is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “by first class
9 mail” and inserting “in the manner prescribed by
10 the Secretary, by regulation”;

11 (2) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) by striking “(except a tire) shall be
13 sent by first class mail” and inserting “shall be
14 sent in the manner prescribed by the Secretary,
15 by regulation”; and

16 (B) by striking the second sentence;

17 (3) in paragraph (3)—

18 (A) by striking the first sentence;

19 (B) by inserting “to the notification re-
20 quired under paragraphs (1) and (2)” after
21 “addition”; and

22 (C) by inserting “by the manufacturer”
23 after “given”; and

24 (4) in paragraph (4), by striking “by certified
25 mail or quicker means if available” and inserting “in

1 the manner prescribed by the Secretary, by regula-
2 tion”.

3 (b) IMPROVING EFFICACY OF RECALLS.—Section
4 30119(e) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “SEC-
6 OND” and inserting “ADDITIONAL”;

7 (2) by striking “If the Secretary” and inserting
8 the following:

9 “(1) SECOND NOTIFICATION.—If the Sec-
10 retary”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATIONS.—If the Sec-
13 retary determines, after taking into account the se-
14 verity of the defect or noncompliance, that the sec-
15 ond notification by a manufacturer does not result
16 in an adequate number of motor vehicles or items of
17 replacement equipment being returned for remedy,
18 the Secretary may order the manufacturer—

19 “(A)(i) to send additional notifications in
20 the manner prescribed by the Secretary, by reg-
21 ulation; or

22 “(ii) to take additional steps to locate and
23 notify each person registered under State law
24 as the owner or lessee or the most recent pur-
25 chaser or lessee, as appropriate; and

1 “(B) to emphasize the magnitude of the
 2 safety risk caused by the defect or noncompli-
 3 ance in such notification.”.

4 **SEC. 15. EXPANDING CHOICES OF REMEDY AVAILABLE TO**
 5 **MANUFACTURERS OF REPLACEMENT EQUIP-**
 6 **MENT.**

7 Section 30120 of title 49, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by amending subpara-
 10 graph (B) to read as follows:

11 “(B) if replacement equipment, by repair-
 12 ing the equipment, replacing the equipment
 13 with identical or reasonably equivalent equip-
 14 ment, or by refunding the purchase price.”;

15 (2) in the heading of subsection (i), by adding
 16 “OF NEW VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT” at the end;
 17 and

18 (3) in the heading of subsection (j), by striking
 19 “REPLACED” and inserting “REPLACEMENT”.

20 **SEC. 16. RECALL OBLIGATIONS AND BANKRUPTCY OF MAN-**
 21 **UFACTURER.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 301 of title 49, United
 23 States Code, is amended by inserting the following after
 24 section 30120:

1 **“§ 30120A. Recall obligations and bankruptcy of a**
 2 **manufacturer**

3 “A manufacturer’s filing of a petition in bankruptcy
 4 under chapter 11 of title 11, does not negate the manufac-
 5 turer’s duty to comply with section 30112 or sections
 6 30115 through 30120 of this title. In any bankruptcy pro-
 7 ceeding, the manufacturer’s obligations under such sec-
 8 tions shall be treated as a claim of the United States Gov-
 9 ernment against such manufacturer, subject to subchapter
 10 II of chapter 37 of title 31, United States Code, and given
 11 priority pursuant to section 3713(a)(1)(A) of such chap-
 12 ter, notwithstanding section 3713(a)(2), to ensure that
 13 consumers are adequately protected from any safety defect
 14 or noncompliance determined to exist in the manufactur-
 15 er’s products. This section shall apply equally to actions
 16 of a manufacturer taken before or after the filing of a
 17 petition in bankruptcy.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The chapter anal-
 19 ysis of chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, is
 20 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
 21 30120 the following:

“30120A. Recall obligations and bankruptcy of a manufacturer.”.

22 **SEC. 17. REPEAL OF INSURANCE REPORTS AND INFORMA-**
 23 **TION PROVISION.**

24 Chapter 331 of title 49, United States Code, is
 25 amended—

1 (1) in the chapter analysis, by striking the item
 2 relating to section 33112; and

3 (2) by striking section 33112.

4 **SEC. 18. MONRONEY STICKER TO PERMIT ADDITIONAL**
 5 **SAFETY RATING CATEGORIES.**

6 Section 3(g)(2) of the Automobile Information Dis-
 7 closure Act (15 U.S.C. 1232(g)(2)), is amended by insert-
 8 ing “safety rating categories that may include” after “re-
 9 fers to”.

10 **SEC. 19. NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINIS-**
 11 **TRATION ELECTRONICS, SOFTWARE, AND EN-**
 12 **GINEERING EXPERTISE.**

13 (a) COUNCIL FOR VEHICLE ELECTRONICS, VEHICLE
 14 SOFTWARE, AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
 16 tation shall establish, within the National Highway
 17 Traffic Safety Administration, a Council for Vehicle
 18 Electronics, Vehicle Software, and Emerging Tech-
 19 nologies (referred to in this section as the “Coun-
 20 cil”) to build, integrate, and aggregate the Adminis-
 21 tration’s expertise in passenger motor vehicle elec-
 22 tronics and other new and emerging technologies.

23 (2) IMPLEMENTATION OF ROADMAP.—The
 24 Council shall research the inclusion of emerging
 25 lightweight plastic and composite technologies in

1 motor vehicles to increase fuel efficiency, lower emis-
2 sions, meet fuel economy standards, and enhance
3 passenger motor vehicle safety through continued
4 utilization of the Administration's Plastic and Com-
5 posite Intensive Vehicle Safety Roadmap (Report
6 No. DOT HS 810 863).

7 (3) INTRA-AGENCY COORDINATION.—The Coun-
8 cil shall coordinate with all components of the Ad-
9 ministration responsible for vehicle safety, including
10 research and development, rulemaking, and defects
11 investigation.

12 (b) HONORS RECRUITMENT PROGRAM.—

13 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Trans-
14 portation shall establish, within the National High-
15 way Traffic Safety Administration, an honors pro-
16 gram for engineering students, computer science stu-
17 dents, and other students interested in vehicle safety
18 that will enable such students to train with engi-
19 neers and other safety officials for a career in vehi-
20 cle safety.

21 (2) STIPEND.—The Secretary of Transportation
22 is authorized to provide a stipend to any student
23 during the student's participation in the program es-
24 tablished pursuant to paragraph (1).

1 (c) ASSESSMENT.—The Council, in consultation with
2 affected stakeholders, shall periodically assess the implica-
3 tions of emerging safety technologies in passenger motor
4 vehicles, including the effect of such technologies on con-
5 sumers, product availability, and cost.

6 **SEC. 20. ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation shall complete an examination of the need for safety
10 standards with regard to electronic systems in passenger
11 motor vehicles. In conducting this examination, the Sec-
12 retary of Transportation shall—

13 (1) consider the electronic components, the
14 interaction of electronic components, the security
15 needs for those electronic systems to prevent unau-
16 thorized access, and the effect of surrounding envi-
17 ronments on the electronic systems; and

18 (2) allow for public comment.

19 (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the examination
20 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Transportation
21 shall submit a report on the highest priority areas for safe-
22 ty with regard to the electronic systems to the Committee
23 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
24 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
25 House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 21. CHILD SAFETY SEATS.**

2 (a) SIDE IMPACT CRASHES.—Not later than 2 years
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
4 Transportation shall issue a final rule amending Federal
5 Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 213 to improve
6 the protection of children seated in child restraint systems
7 during side impact crashes.

8 (b) FRONTAL IMPACT TEST PARAMETERS.—

9 (1) COMMENCEMENT.—Not later than 2 years
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of Transportation shall commence a rule-
12 making proceeding to amend the standard seat as-
13 sembly specifications under Federal Motor Vehicle
14 Safety Standard Number 213 to better simulate a
15 single representative motor vehicle rear seat.

16 (2) FINAL RULE.—Not later than 4 years after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
18 Transportation shall issue a final rule pursuant to
19 paragraph (1).

20 **SEC. 22. CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE SYSTEMS.**

21 (a) INITIATION OF RULEMAKING PROCEEDING.—Not
22 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
23 the Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a rulemaking
24 proceeding to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Stand-
25 ard Number 225 (relating to child restraint anchorage
26 systems) to improve the ease of use for lower anchorages

1 and tethers in all rear seat seating positions if such an-
2 chorages and tethers are feasible.

3 (b) FINAL RULE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under
5 paragraph (2) and section 24, the Secretary of
6 Transportation shall issue a final rule under sub-
7 section (a) not later than 3 years after the date of
8 enactment of this Act.

9 (2) REPORT.—If the Secretary of Transpor-
10 tation determines that an amendment to the stand-
11 ard referred to in subsection (a) does not meet the
12 requirements and considerations set forth in sub-
13 sections (a) and (b) of section 30111 of title 49,
14 United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation
15 shall submit a report describing the reasons for not
16 prescribing such a standard to—

17 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
18 and Transportation of the Senate; and

19 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
20 merce of the House of Representatives.

21 **SEC. 23. REAR SEAT BELT REMINDERS.**

22 (a) INITIATION OF RULEMAKING PROCEEDING.—Not
23 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
24 the Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a rulemaking
25 proceeding to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Stand-

1 ard Number 208 (relating to occupant crash protection)
2 to provide a safety belt use warning system for designated
3 seating positions in the rear seat.

4 (b) FINAL RULE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under
6 paragraph (2) and section 24, the Secretary of
7 Transportation shall issue a final rule under sub-
8 section (a) not later than 3 years after the date of
9 enactment of this Act.

10 (2) REPORT.—If the Secretary of Transpor-
11 tation determines that an amendment to the stand-
12 ard referred to in subsection (a) does not meet the
13 requirements and considerations set forth in sub-
14 sections (a) and (b) of section 30111 of title 49,
15 United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation
16 shall submit a report describing the reasons for not
17 prescribing such a standard to—

18 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
19 and Transportation of the Senate; and

20 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
21 merce of the House of Representatives.

22 **SEC. 24. NEW DEADLINE.**

23 If the Secretary of Transportation determines that
24 any deadline for issuing a final rule under this Act cannot
25 be met, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

- 1 (1) provide the Committee on Commerce,
2 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
3 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
4 of Representatives with an explanation for why such
5 deadline cannot be met; and
6 (2) establish a new deadline for that rule.

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