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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue certain regulations with respect to motorcoach safety, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD (for herself and Mrs. NAPOLITANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Motorcoach Safety,
5 Accountability, and Technology Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. BRAKE PERFORMANCE INSPECTIONS.**

7 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue

1 regulations to ensure that an individual conducts, before
2 each trip of a motorcoach carried out by a provider of mo-
3 torcoach services, a brake performance inspection for that
4 motorcoach to ensure that the brake performance satisfies
5 all requirements under Federal law.

6 **SEC. 3. BRAKE MONITORING SYSTEMS.**

7 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue
9 regulations that—

10 (1) establish minimum performance standards
11 for any electronic system onboard a motorcoach that
12 is used to monitor the performance of an air brake
13 system of that motorcoach; and

14 (2) require that each motorcoach with an air
15 brake system, if manufactured after the date that is
16 2 years after the effective date of the standards es-
17 tablished under paragraph (1), be equipped with
18 such an electronic system.

19 **SEC. 4. AUTOMATIC EMERGENCY BRAKING AND COLLISION**
20 **WARNING SYSTEMS.**

21 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
22 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue
23 regulations requiring that each motorcoach manufactured
24 after the effective date of such regulations be equipped
25 with—

- 1 (1) an automatic emergency braking system;
2 and
3 (2) a collision warning system.

4 **SEC. 5. LANE DEPARTURE WARNING SYSTEMS.**

5 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue
7 regulations requiring that each motorcoach manufactured
8 after the effective date of such regulations, and with a
9 gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds,
10 be equipped with a lane departure warning system.

11 **SEC. 6. SPEED LIMITING DEVICES.**

12 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue
14 regulations requiring that each motorcoach manufactured
15 after the effective date of such regulations be equipped
16 with a device that limits the speed at which the motor-
17 coach may travel to not more than 70 miles per hour.

18 **SEC. 7. ADDITIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.**

19 In issuing regulations under sections 3, 4, 5, and 6
20 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

- 21 (1) require that the technologies mandated for
22 motorcoaches under those sections be tamper resist-
23 ant; and
24 (2) establish a process for certifying compliance
25 with the regulations.

1 **SEC. 8. RETROFITTING.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Transportation shall
3 conduct a study on the feasibility of requiring that
4 motorcoaches, if not manufactured with the technologies
5 referenced in sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act, be retro-
6 fitted with such technologies.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
9 Congress a report on the findings of the study conducted
10 under subsection (a).

11 **SEC. 9. REGROOVED, RECAPPED, AND RETREADED TIRES.**

12 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue
14 regulations that establish standards for the use of re-
15 grooved, recapped, or retreaded tires on a motorcoach.

16 **SEC. 10. MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

17 Section 31102(b)(2) of title 49, United States Code,
18 is amended by striking subparagraph (X) and inserting
19 the following:

20 “(X) except in the case of an imminent or
21 obvious safety hazard, ensures that an inspec-
22 tion of a vehicle transporting passengers for a
23 motor carrier of passengers is conducted at a
24 station, terminal, border crossing, maintenance
25 facility, destination, weigh station, rest stop,
26 turnpike service area, or a location where ade-

1 quate food, shelter, and sanitation facilities are
2 available for passengers and reasonable accom-
3 modation is available for passengers with dis-
4 abilities; and”.

5 **SEC. 11. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

7 (1) **MOTORCOACH.**—The term “motorcoach”
8 has the meaning given that term in section 32702(6)
9 of MAP–21, except that the reference in such sec-
10 tion to section 3038(a)(3) of the Transportation Eq-
11 uity Act for the 21st Century (49 U.S.C. 5310 note)
12 shall be treated as referring to such section
13 3038(a)(3) as in effect on the day before the date
14 of enactment of MAP–21.

15 (2) **PROVIDER OF MOTORCOACH SERVICES.**—
16 The term “provider of motorcoach services” has the
17 meaning given that term in section 32702(10) of
18 MAP–21, except that the term “motorcoach”, as
19 used in such section, shall be treated as having the
20 meaning given such term under paragraph (1) of
21 this section.

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