

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6041

To require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring all new passenger motor vehicles to be equipped with a child safety alert system, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, 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 “Helping Overcome
5 Trauma for Children Alone in Rear Seats Act” or the
6 “HOT CARS Act of 2016”.

7 **SEC. 2. CHILD SAFETY ALERT SYSTEM RULEMAKING.**

8 (a) **RULE REQUIRED.**—Not later than 2 years after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue

1 a final rule requiring all new passenger motor vehicles be
2 equipped with technology to provide an alert that a child
3 or unattended passenger remains in a rear seating position
4 after the vehicle motor is deactivated.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE.—The regulation
6 issued by the Secretary under this section shall take effect
7 1 year after the date of the publication of the final rule.

8 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
10 issue a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
11 and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
12 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
13 on the feasibility of retrofitting existing passenger motor
14 vehicles with technology to provide an alert that a child
15 or unattended passenger remains in a rear seating position
16 after the vehicle motor is deactivated.

17 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) ALERT.—The term “alert” means a signal
19 that may be auditory or visual (or both) that will
20 provide an effective warning to the driver of the pas-
21 senger motor vehicle that a child or unattended pas-
22 senger remains in a rear seating position after the
23 vehicle motor is deactivated.

24 (2) PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term
25 “passenger motor vehicle” has the meaning given

1 that term in section 32101 of title 49, United States
2 Code.

3 (3) REAR SEATING POSITION.—The term “rear
4 seating position” means any designated seating posi-
5 tion that is rearward of the front seat.

6 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Transportation.

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