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To require the Secretary of Transportation to finalize rules to protect consumers from the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning and rollaways from motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Protecting Americans
5 from the Risks of Keyless Ignition Technology Act” or the
6 “PARK IT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF**
2 **SYSTEMS AND ROLLAWAY PREVENTION**
3 **TECHNOLOGY IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) KEY.—The term “key” has the meaning
6 given the term in section 571.114 of title 49, Code
7 of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

8 (2) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-
9 turer” has the meaning given the term in section
10 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

11 (3) MOTOR VEHICLE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “motor vehi-
13 cle” has the meaning given the term in section
14 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

15 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “motor vehi-
16 cle” does not include—

17 (i) a motorcycle or trailer (as those
18 terms are defined in section 571.3 of title
19 49, Code of Federal Regulations) (or suc-
20 cessor regulations); or

21 (ii) any motor vehicle that is rated at
22 more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicular
23 weight.

24 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of Transportation.

1 (b) AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VE-
2 HICLES.—

3 (1) FINAL RULE.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary shall issue a final rule amending section
7 571.114 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
8 tions (relating to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety
9 Standard Number 114), to require manufactur-
10 ers to install technology in each motor vehicle
11 equipped with a keyless ignition device and an
12 internal combustion engine to automatically
13 shut off the motor vehicle after the motor vehi-
14 cle has idled for the period designated under
15 subparagraph (B).

16 (B) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—The period referred
18 to in subparagraph (A) is the period des-
19 ignated by the Administrator of the Na-
20 tional Highway Traffic Safety Administra-
21 tion as necessary to prevent carbon mon-
22 oxide poisoning.

23 (ii) DIFFERENT PERIODS.—The Ad-
24 ministrator of the National Highway Traf-
25 fic Safety Administration may designate

different periods under clause (i) for different types of motor vehicles, depending on the rate at which the motor vehicle emits carbon monoxide, if—

(I) the Administrator determines a different period is necessary for a type of motor vehicle for purposes of section 30111 of title 49, United States Code; and

(II) requiring a different period for a type of motor vehicle is consistent with the prevention of carbon monoxide poisoning.

(2) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1) shall become effective on September 1 of the year that is 1 year after the date on which the Secretary issued that rule.

(c) PREVENTING MOTOR VEHICLES FROM ROLLING AWAY.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a final rule amending part 571 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requiring manufacturers to install technology in motor vehicles equipped with keyless ignition devices and automatic

1 transmissions to prevent movement of the motor ve-
2 hicle if—

3 (A) the transmission of the motor vehicle
4 is not in the park setting;

5 (B) the motor vehicle does not exceed the
6 speed determined by the Secretary under para-
7 graph (2);

8 (C) the door for the operator of the motor
9 vehicle is open;

10 (D) the seat belt of the operator of the
11 motor vehicle is unbuckled; and

12 (E) the service brake of the motor vehicle
13 is not engaged.

14 (2) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary shall de-
15 termine the maximum speed at which a motor vehi-
16 cle may be safely locked in place under the condi-
17 tions described in subparagraphs (A), (C), (D), and
18 (E) of paragraph (1) to prevent vehicle rollaways.

19 (3) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1)
20 shall become effective on September 1 of the year
21 that is 1 year after the date on which the Secretary
22 issued that rule.

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