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To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish certain safety standards and disclose certain information relating to pedestrians and motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCANLON (for herself and Mr. RASKIN) 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 “Pedestrian Protection
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STANDARDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 301 of
3 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 **“§ 30130. Pedestrian safety standards.**

6 “(a) GENERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STAND-
7 ARDS.—

8 “(1) RULEMAKING PROCEEDING.—Not later
9 than 3 years after the date of enactment of this sec-
10 tion, the Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking pro-
11 ceeding to establish or modify, as applicable, safety
12 standards for motor vehicles to reduce the likelihood
13 of, and the number of deaths and injuries associated
14 with, collisions by considering certain features of
15 motor vehicles designed to protect covered road
16 users, including—

17 “(A) hood design;

18 “(B) bumper design;

19 “(C) windshield design;

20 “(D) vehicle height; and

21 “(E) vehicle weight.

22 “(2) FINAL RULE.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
24 after the date of initiating such rulemaking pro-
25 ceeding, the Secretary shall issue a final rule
26 pursuant to paragraph (1).

1 “(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The final rule
2 described in subparagraph (A) shall require full
3 compliance with each safety standard for motor
4 vehicles established or modified, as applicable,
5 pursuant to the final rule not later than 2 years
6 after the date on which the final rule is issued.

7 “(b) MOTOR VEHICLE MINIMUM VISIBILITY SAFETY
8 STANDARDS.—

9 “(1) RULEMAKING PROCEEDING.—Not later
10 than 4 years after the date of enactment of this sec-
11 tion, the Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking pro-
12 ceeding to establish minimum visibility standards for
13 motor vehicles to reduce the likelihood of collisions.

14 “(2) FINAL RULE.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
16 after the date of initiating such rulemaking pro-
17 ceeding, the Secretary shall issue a final rule
18 pursuant to paragraph (1).

19 “(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The final rule
20 described in subparagraph (A) shall require full
21 compliance with each minimum visibility stand-
22 ard for motor vehicles established pursuant to
23 the final rule not later than 2 years after the
24 date on which the final rule is issued.

25 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) COLLISION.—The term ‘collision’ means a
2 crash between a motor vehicle and a covered road
3 user, including such a crash—

4 “(A) that occurs at a low speed; and

5 “(B) that occurs in a driveway, parking
6 lot, or private road.

7 “(2) COVERED ROAD USER.—The term ‘covered
8 road user’ means a pedestrian, bicyclist, or other
9 vulnerable road user.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 for subchapter II of chapter 301 of title 49, United States
12 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 30130. Pedestrian safety standards.”.

13 **SEC. 3. PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION.**

14 Section 32302 of title 49, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (f)—

17 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
18 paragraph (4); and

19 (B) by inserting before paragraph (4), as
20 so redesignated, the following:

21 “(3) COMPARATIVE RATINGS.—The Secretary
22 shall publish comparative ratings of the vulnerable
23 road user safety technology ratings described in
24 paragraph (2)(A)(iv).”; and

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

1 “(g) DRIVER VISIBILITY.—

2 “(1) NOTICE.—Not later than 4 years after the
3 date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary
4 shall publish a notice, for purposes of public review
5 and comment, to establish a means for providing to
6 consumers information relating to driver visibility of
7 pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road
8 users, in accordance with subsection (a).

9 “(2) INCLUSIONS.—The notice under paragraph
10 (1) shall include—

11 “(A) an appropriate methodology for—

12 “(i) determining which technologies
13 and design features shall be included in
14 the information;

15 “(ii) developing performance test cri-
16 teria for use by manufacturers in evalu-
17 ating technologies and design features;

18 “(iii) determining a distinct rating of
19 driver visibility; and

20 “(iv) updating overall vehicle ratings
21 to incorporate driver visibility ratings; and

22 “(B) such other information and analyses
23 as the Secretary determines to be necessary to
24 implement the rating of driver visibility.

1 “(3) COMPARATIVE RATINGS.—The Secretary
2 shall publish comparative ratings of the driver visi-
3 bility ratings described in paragraph (2)(A)(iv).

4 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the
5 date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary
6 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,
7 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
9 of Representatives a report that describes a plan for
10 implementing an information and rating system for
11 driver visibility, in accordance with subsection (a).”.

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