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H. R. 4354

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe a motor vehicle safety standard requiring motor vehicles to be equipped with an advanced alcohol detection device that prevents a vehicle from being operated if the operator is intoxicated, to provide for a fleet demonstration of such devices, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring Abbas Fam-
3 ily Legacy to Terminate Drunk Driving Act” or the
4 “HALT Drunk Driving Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ADVANCED ALCOHOL DETECTION DEVICES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
7 2024, the Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe a
8 motor vehicle safety standard under chapter 301 of title
9 49, United States Code, that requires motor vehicles pro-
10 duced after the effective date of such standard to be
11 equipped with an advanced alcohol detection device that—

12 (1) determines the blood alcohol concentration
13 of the operator of the vehicle; and

14 (2) if the blood alcohol concentration deter-
15 mined by the device is equal to or greater than the
16 blood alcohol concentration specified in section
17 163(a) of title 23, United States Code, prevents the
18 vehicle from being operated.

19 (b) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary of Transpor-
20 tation shall work directly with motor vehicle manufactur-
21 ers, suppliers, and other interested parties, including uni-
22 versities with expertise in automotive engineering, to—

23 (1) accelerate the development of the advanced
24 alcohol detection devices described in subsection (a);

1 (2) ensure the integration of such devices into
2 motor vehicles available for sale at the earliest prac-
3 tical date; and

4 (3) ensure the creation of market demand for
5 such devices.

6 (c) FLEET DEMONSTRATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
8 30, 2022, the Administrator of the National High-
9 way Traffic Safety Administration shall enter into
10 an agreement with the Administrator of General
11 Services to carry out a program to equip the ad-
12 vanced alcohol detection devices described in sub-
13 section (a) on not less than 1,500 covered fleet vehi-
14 cles (as defined in section 241 of the Clean Air Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 7581)) owned or operated by an agency,
16 department, or instrumentality of the United States.

17 (2) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out paragraph
18 (1), the Administrator of the National Highway
19 Traffic Safety Administration shall ensure that fleet
20 vehicles—

21 (A) are driven not less than 3 days per
22 week; and

23 (B) are located in various regions in the
24 United States.

1 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 There are authorized to be appropriated

3 \$25,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “motor

5 vehicle” and “motor vehicle safety standard” have the

6 meanings given such terms in section 30102 of title 49,

7 United States Code.

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