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# S. 3475

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2023

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

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## 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 “Strengthening the  
5 Commercial Driver’s License Information System Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION**  
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31309 of title 49, United  
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the first sentence—

7 (i) by inserting “(referred to in this  
8 section as the ‘Secretary’)” after “Sec-  
9 retary of Transportation”; and

10 (ii) by inserting “(referred to in this  
11 section as the ‘information system’)” after  
12 “an information system”; and

13 (B) in the second sentence, by inserting  
14 “information” before “system”;

15 (2) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1)—

17 (i) by striking “(1) At a minimum,  
18 the information system under this section”  
19 and inserting the following:

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At a minimum, the infor-  
21 mation system”; and

22 (ii) by indenting subparagraphs (A)  
23 through (F) appropriately; and

24 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2) The  
25 information system under this section” and in-  
26 serting the following:

1           “(2) REQUIREMENT.—The information sys-  
2       tem”;

3           (3) in subsection (e)—

4               (A) in paragraph (1)—

5                   (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
6                   graph (A), by striking “under this sec-  
7                   tion”; and

8                   (ii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting  
9                   “information” after “of the”;

10           (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “com-  
11       mercial driver’s”; and

12           (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “under  
13       this section”;

14           (4) in subsection (f)—

15               (A) by striking “section 31313(a)” and in-  
16               serting “subsections (a)(2) and (b) of section  
17               31313”; and

18               (B) by striking “section 31313” and in-  
19               serting “that section”;

20           (5) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
21       subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

22           (6) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the  
23       following:

1       “(d) AUTHORIZED OPERATOR.—The Secretary may  
2 authorize a qualified entity (referred to in this section as  
3 the ‘authorized operator’)—

4               “(1) to operate, maintain, develop, modernize,  
5 and enhance the information system; and

6               “(2) to collect fees on behalf of the Secretary  
7 in accordance with subsection (e); and

8               “(3) to use any fees collected in accordance  
9 with that subsection.

10       “(e) FEE SYSTEM.—

11               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or the au-  
12 thorized operator, as applicable, may charge a rea-  
13 sonable fee for use of the information system.

14               “(2) AMOUNT OF FEES.—The total amount of  
15 fees collected under this subsection shall equal, as  
16 nearly as possible, the total amount necessary for  
17 the purposes and uses described in paragraph  
18 (3)(B).

19               “(3) USE OF FEES.—Fees collected under this  
20 subsection shall—

21                       “(A) be credited to—

22                               “(i) an appropriation account; or

23                               “(ii) an account designated by the au-  
24 thorized operator; and

1           “(B) be available only for the purposes of  
2           operating, maintaining, developing, modern-  
3           izing, or enhancing, or any other use relating  
4           to, the information system, including for per-  
5           sonnel and administration costs relating to the  
6           information system.

7           “(4) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Fees col-  
8           lected under this subsection shall remain available  
9           until expended for a purpose or use described in  
10          paragraph (3)(B).

11          “(5) AUTHORIZED OPERATOR.—If the Sec-  
12          retary designates an authorized operator under sub-  
13          section (d)—

14                 “(A) the Secretary shall not be charged a  
15                 fee for access to, use of, or data in the informa-  
16                 tion system; and

17                 “(B) the Secretary shall have access to fee  
18                 statements on a quarterly basis.”.

19          (b)          CONFORMING          AMENDMENT.—Section  
20          31311(a)(21) of title 49, United States Code, is amended  
21          by striking “By the date established by the Secretary  
22          under section 31309(e)(4), the State shall be operating”  
23          and inserting “The State shall operate”.

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