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H. R. 2138

To require the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe a motor vehicle safety standard requiring that passenger motor vehicles be equipped with advanced drunk driving prevention technology, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Miss RICE of New York, and Mr. MCKINLEY) 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 “Honoring Abbas Fam-
5 ily Legacy to Terminate Drunk Driving Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADVANCED DRUNK DRIVING PREVENTION TECH-**
2 **NOLOGY.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (1) MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD.—Not
5 later than 18 months after the date of enactment of
6 this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue
7 an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking to ini-
8 tiate a rulemaking to prescribe a motor vehicle safe-
9 ty standard under section 30111 of title 49, United
10 States Code, that requires passenger motor vehicles
11 manufactured after the effective date of such stand-
12 ard to be equipped with advanced drunk driving pre-
13 vention technology.

14 (2) NOTICE AND COMMENT.—Not later than 3
15 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Transportation shall issue a notice of
17 proposed rulemaking in order to continue the rule-
18 making proceeding required by paragraph (1).

19 (3) FINAL RULE.—

20 (A) Not later than 5 years after the date
21 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
22 prescribe a final rule containing the motor vehi-
23 cle safety standard required under this sub-
24 section. The final rule shall specify an effective
25 date that provides at least 2 years, and no more

1 than 3 years, to allow for manufacturing com-
2 pliance.

3 (B) If the Secretary determines that a new
4 motor vehicle safety standard required under
5 this subsection cannot meet the requirements
6 and considerations set forth in subsections (a)
7 and (b) of section 30111 of title 49, United
8 States Code, the Secretary shall submit a re-
9 port to the Committee on Energy and Com-
10 merce of the House of Representatives and the
11 Committee on Commerce, Science and Trans-
12 portation of the Senate describing the reasons
13 for not prescribing such a standard.

14 (b) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary shall work di-
15 rectly with manufacturers of passenger motor vehicles,
16 suppliers, safety advocates, and other interested parties,
17 including universities with expertise in automotive engi-
18 neering, to—

19 (1) accelerate the development of the advanced
20 drunk driving prevention technology required to pre-
21 scribe a motor vehicle safety standard described in
22 subsection (a); and

23 (2) ensure the integration of such technology
24 into passenger motor vehicles available for sale at
25 the earliest practicable date.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

2 (1) the term “advanced drunk driving preven-
3 tion technology” means a passive system which—

4 (A) monitors a driver’s performance to
5 identify impairment of a driver;

6 (B) a system which passively detects a
7 blood alcohol level equal to and exceeding .08
8 blood alcohol content; or

9 (C) a similar system which detects impair-
10 ment and prevents or limits vehicle operation;

11 (2) the term “motor vehicle safety standard”
12 has the meaning given such term in section 30102
13 of title 49, United States Code; and

14 (3) the term “passenger motor vehicle” has the
15 meaning given such term in section 32101 of title
16 49, United States Code.

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