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H. R. 2231

To prohibit the sale, lease, or use of recalled motor vehicles by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2021

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Shielding All Federal
5 Employees and Consumers from Actionable Recall Situa-
6 tions Act of 2021” or the “SAFE CARS Act”.

13 (1) the head of the agency may not—

(i) if a remedy for the defect or non-compliance has been made available by the manufacturer at the time of sale, the defect or noncompliance has been remedied as required under section 30120 of such title; or

(ii) if a remedy for the defect or non-compliance has not been made available by the manufacturer at the time of sale, the head of the agency notifies the purchaser of the vehicle of the defect or noncompliance before the time of sale; or

1 (B) enter into an agreement to lease the
2 vehicle to an individual or entity unless—

3 (i) if a remedy for the defect or non-
4 compliance has been made available by the
5 manufacturer at the time when the agree-
6 ment is entered into, the defect or non-
7 compliance has been remedied as required
8 under section 30120 of such title; or

9 (ii) if a remedy for the defect or non-
10 compliance has not been made available by
11 the manufacturer at the time when the
12 agreement is entered into, the head of the
13 agency notifies the individual or entity of
14 the defect or noncompliance before such
15 time;

16 (2) in the case in which the head of the agency
17 has entered into an agreement to lease the vehicle to
18 an individual or entity, and such agreement has not
19 expired at the time of the notification, the head of
20 the agency shall—

21 (A) notify such individual or entity that
22 the agency has received such notification; and

23 (B) in the case in which such individual or
24 entity is not the head of an agency of the Fed-

1 eral Government, encourage such individual or
2 entity to make all reasonable efforts to—

3 (i) have the defect or noncompliance
4 remedied as required under section 30120
5 of such title; and

6 (ii) prevent the use of such vehicle
7 until the defect or noncompliance has been
8 remedied as required under section 30120
9 of such title; and

10 (3) the head of the agency shall make all rea-
11 sonable efforts to prevent the use of such vehicle by
12 individuals of the agency until the defect or non-
13 compliance has been remedied as required under sec-
14 tion 30120 of such title, unless the head of the agen-
15 cy makes a written determination that use of the ve-
16 hicle by individuals of the agency is necessary for a
17 critical mission purpose and that such purpose out-
18 weighs any risks to health and safety caused by
19 using the vehicle before the defect or noncompliance
20 is remedied as required under section 30120 of such
21 title.

22 (b) MOTOR VEHICLES LEASED BY FEDERAL AGEN-
23 CIES.—If an entity notifies the head of an agency of the
24 Federal Government that such entity has received a notifi-
25 cation under section 30119 of title 49, United States

1 Code, that a vehicle leased by the entity to the head of
2 the agency, or an item of replacement equipment used in
3 or on the vehicle, contains a defect related to motor vehicle
4 safety or does not comply with an applicable motor vehicle
5 safety standard prescribed under chapter 301 of such title,
6 the head of the agency shall make all reasonable efforts
7 to prevent the use of such vehicle by individuals of the
8 agency until the defect or noncompliance has been rem-
9 edied as required under section 30120 of such title, unless
10 the head of the agency makes a written determination that
11 use of the vehicle by individuals of the agency is necessary
12 for a critical mission purpose and that such purpose out-
13 weighs any risks to health and safety caused by using the
14 vehicle before the defect or noncompliance is remedied as
15 required under section 30120 of such title.

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