

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the establishment of a national database of vehicle identification numbers and other information to facilitate notification of motor vehicle-related recalls.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Improving Recall
5 Tracking Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**
2 **DATABASE.**

3 301 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
4 adding after section 30119 the following new section:

5 **“§ 30119A. National vehicle identification number**
6 **database**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 2 years after
8 the date of enactment of the Improving Recall Tracking
9 Act, the Secretary shall complete the establishment of a
10 national database of vehicle identification numbers and
11 other information provided by States in accordance with
12 subsection (b).

13 “(b) STATES REQUIRED TO PROVIDE VIN AND VE-
14 HICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall provide to
16 the Secretary, in such manner as determined by the
17 Secretary, the vehicle identification number of each
18 motor vehicle registered in the State, and shall also
19 provide, associated with such vehicle identification
20 number—

21 “(A) the make, model, and year of manu-
22 facturer of the motor vehicle; and

23 “(B) the name and address of the person
24 to whom the vehicle is registered, and an email
25 address for such person if such person provides
26 an email address.

1 “(2) TIMETABLE.—Each State shall begin to
2 provide the Secretary with the information required
3 under paragraph (1) on the date determined by the
4 Secretary and shall provide such information for all
5 motor vehicles registered in the State not later than
6 2 years after the date of enactment of the Improving
7 Recall Tracking Act.

8 “(3) UPDATING OF INFORMATION.—Each State
9 shall verify that the information provided to the Sec-
10 retary under to paragraph (1) is current each time
11 a motor vehicle is subsequently registered in the
12 State and shall provide any updated information to
13 the Secretary not later than 7 days after each such
14 subsequent registration when a change has occurred.

15 “(c) ACCESS TO INFORMATION BY MANUFACTURERS
16 IN THE EVENT OF A RECALL.—In order to facilitate noti-
17 fication of a defect or noncompliance under section 30119,
18 an entity required to send notification under such section
19 may submit to the Secretary a request containing the vehi-
20 cle identification numbers of the vehicles containing a de-
21 fect or noncompliance. Upon receiving such a request, the
22 Secretary shall, within 2 business days, provide the entity
23 the names and addresses of the persons to whom such ve-
24 hicles are registered, and the email addresses for such per-
25 sons who have provided an email address.

1 “(d) INFORMATION SECURITY AND LIMITATION ON
2 USE.—The Secretary shall establish and maintain reason-
3 able security measures for the information submitted to
4 and released from the database established under this sec-
5 tion. Neither the Secretary nor any entity obtaining infor-
6 mation from the Secretary shall disclose information con-
7 tained in the database for any other purpose than pro-
8 viding the required notification to consumers about a de-
9 fect or noncompliance.

10 “(e) UPDATING EXISTING PUBLIC WEBSITE.—Not
11 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Im-
12 proving Recall Tracking Act, the Secretary shall update
13 the public website, www.safercar.gov, established pursuant
14 to section 31301 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the
15 21st Century Act (49 U.S.C. 30166 note), to permit the
16 searching and processing for multiple vehicle identification
17 numbers in a single search request.

18 “(f) CONTRACTED ENTITIES.—Nothing in this section
19 shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary from engaging
20 an outside contractor for the establishment and mainte-
21 nance of the database required by this section if the Sec-
22 retary determines that such contractor adheres to appro-
23 priate and reasonable security measures described in sub-
24 section (d).

1 “(g) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT EXEMP-
2 TION.—Information contained in the national vehicle iden-
3 tification number database established under this section
4 shall be exempt from public disclosure under section
5 552(b) of title 5, Unites States Code.”.