

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from requiring pre-market approval of vehicle types or designs for highly automated vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ 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 “Highly Automated Ve-
5 hicle Pre-Market Approval Reduces Opportunities for
6 More People to Travel Safely Act” or the “HAV
7 PROMPT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRE-MARKET APPROVAL PROCESS PROHIBITED**
2 **FOR HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.**

3 Section 30111 of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(g) PROHIBITION ON PRE-MARKET APPROVAL
7 PROCESS FOR HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided for in
9 the exceptions described under section 30112(a), the
10 Secretary of Transportation may not implement a
11 pre-market approval process in which a manufac-
12 turer is prohibited from manufacturing, introducing
13 into commerce, offering for sale, or selling a highly
14 automated vehicle unless, prior to any such action,
15 the Secretary has assessed the safety or any of the
16 features of the highly automated vehicle and ap-
17 proved such vehicle or features.

18 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

19 “(A) the term ‘highly automated vehicle’—

20 “(i) means a motor vehicle equipped
21 with an automated driving system; and

22 “(ii) does not include a commercial
23 motor vehicle (as defined in section
24 31101); and

25 “(B) the term ‘automated driving system’
26 has the meaning given that term in the Sep-

1 tember 2016 Surface Vehicle Recommended
2 Practice Report (J3016) by SAE
3 International[, or any successor report there-
4 to].”.