

Union Calendar No. 306

104TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2803

[Report No. 104-618]

To amend the anti-car-theft provisions of title 49, United States Code, to increase the utility of motor vehicle title information to State and Federal law enforcement officials, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18 (legislative day, DECEMBER 15), 1995

Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JUNE 12, 1996

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROGERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. HAMILTON

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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 “Anti-Car Theft Im-
5 provements Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 Section 30501(1) of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended by inserting before the period the following: “and
9 ‘motor vehicle’ has the same meaning as the term ‘pas-
10 senger motor vehicle’ has in section 32101(10)”.

11 **SEC. 3. SYSTEM NAME AND IMPLEMENTATION DATE.**

12 (a) SECTION 30502.—Section 30502(a)(1) of title
13 49, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by striking “January 31, 1996” and insert-
15 ing “October 1, 1997”, and

16 (2) by striking “Automobile” each place it oc-
17 curs and inserting “Motor Vehicle”.

18 (b) SECTION 30503.—Section 30503(d) of title 49,
19 United States Code, is amended by striking “January 1,
20 1997” and inserting “October 1, 1998”.

21 **SEC. 4. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.**

22 (a) SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Sections
23 30501, 30502, 30503, 30504, and 30505 of title 49,
24 United States Code, are each amended by striking each

1 reference to “Secretary of Transportation” or “Secretary”
2 and inserting “Attorney General”.

3 (b) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Section 30502 of title 49,
4 United States Code, is amended by striking each reference
5 to “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Trans-
6 portation”.

7 **SEC. 5. TITLE INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

8 Section 30502 of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(f) IMMUNITY.—Any person performing any activity
11 under this section or sections 30503 or 30504 in good
12 faith and with the reasonable belief that such activity was
13 in accordance with this section or section 30503 or 30504,
14 as the case may be, shall be immune from any civil action
15 seeking money damages or equitable relief in any court
16 of the United States or a State.”.

17 **SEC. 6. STOLEN VEHICLE INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

18 Section 33109 of title 49, United States Code, is
19 amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(d) IMMUNITY.—Any person performing any activity
21 under this section or section 33110 or 33111 in good faith
22 and with the reasonable belief that such activity was in
23 accordance with such section shall be immune from any
24 civil action seeking money damages or equitable relief in
25 any court of the United States or a State.”.

1 **SEC. 7. GRANTS TO STATES.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 30503(c)(2) of title 49,
3 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 “(2) The Attorney General may make reasonable and
5 necessary grants to participating States to be used in
6 making titling information maintained by those States
7 available to the operator.”.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be ap-
9 propriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out
10 section 30503 of title 49, United States Code.

11 (c) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The information system
12 established under section 30502 of title 49, United States
13 Code, shall be effective as provided in the rules promul-
14 gated by the Attorney General.

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