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H. R. 4279

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to determine the feasibility of placing bar codes on passenger motor vehicles to facilitate the tracing of stolen vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Auto Theft Deterrent
5 Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF BAR CODES TO TRACE STOLEN VEHICLES.**

7 (a) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
2 tation shall conduct a study to determine the fea-
3 sibility and advisability of prescribing standards for
4 the placement of bar codes on passenger motor vehi-
5 cles and the placement of devices for reading such
6 bar codes at toll gates on roads, bridges, and tunnels
7 for the purpose of facilitating the tracing of stolen
8 vehicles, including stolen vehicles that are aban-
9 doned.

10 (2) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall complete
11 the study not later than 6 months after the date of
12 the enactment of this Act.

13 (b) STANDARDS.—Based on the results of the study
14 conducted under subsection (a), and not before the date
15 that is 18 months after the date of the enactment of this
16 Act, the Secretary is authorized to prescribe by regulation
17 standards for the placement of bar codes on passenger
18 motor vehicle equipment manufactured in, or imported
19 into, the United States. Such standards shall not apply
20 to a passenger motor vehicle or passenger motor vehicle
21 equipment—

22 (1) intended only for export;

- 1 (2) labeled for export on the vehicle or equip-
- 2 ment and the outside of any container of the vehicle
- 3 or equipment; and
- 4 (3) exported.

