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AN ACT

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require reports concerning defects in motor vehicles or tires or other motor vehicle equipment in foreign countries, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Recall
3 Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation
4 (TREAD) Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF SECTION 30118.**

6 The amendments made to section 30118 of title 49,
7 United States Code, by section 364 of the Department of
8 Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
9 2001 are repealed and such section shall be effective as
10 if such amending section had not been enacted.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

12 (a) DEFECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—Section
13 30166 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by add-
14 ing at the end the following:

15 “(l) REPORTING OF DEFECTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES
16 AND PRODUCTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—

17 “(1) REPORTING OF DEFECTS, MANUFACTURER
18 DETERMINATION.—Not later than 5 working days
19 after determining to conduct a safety recall or other
20 safety campaign in a foreign country on a motor ve-
21 hicle or motor vehicle equipment that is identical or
22 substantially similar to a motor vehicle or motor ve-
23 hicle equipment offered for sale in the United
24 States, the manufacturer shall report the determina-
25 tion to the Secretary.

1 “(2) REPORTING OF DEFECTS, FOREIGN GOV-
2 ERNMENT DETERMINATION.—Not later than 5 work-
3 ing days after receiving notification that the govern-
4 ment of a foreign country has determined that a
5 safety recall or other safety campaign must be con-
6 ducted in the foreign country on a motor vehicle or
7 motor vehicle equipment that is identical or substan-
8 tially similar to a motor vehicle or motor vehicle
9 equipment offered for sale in the United States, the
10 manufacturer of the motor vehicle or motor vehicle
11 equipment shall report the determination to the Sec-
12 retary.

13 “(3) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-
14 retary shall prescribe the contents of the notification
15 required by this subsection.”.

16 (b) EARLY WARNING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—
17 Section 30166, of title 49, United States Code, is amended
18 by adding at the end the following:

19 “(m) EARLY WARNING REPORTING REQUIRE-
20 MENTS.—

21 “(1) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Not later than
22 120 days after the date of the enactment of the
23 Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability,
24 and Documentation (TREAD) Act, the Secretary
25 shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding to establish

1 early warning reporting requirements for manufac-
2 turers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment
3 to enhance the Secretary's ability to carry out the
4 provisions of this chapter.

5 “(2) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall issue a
6 final rule under paragraph (1) not later than June
7 30, 2002.

8 “(3) REPORTING ELEMENTS.—

9 “(A) WARRANTY AND CLAIMS DATA.—As
10 part of the final rule promulgated under para-
11 graph (1), the Secretary shall require manufac-
12 turers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle
13 equipment to report, periodically or upon re-
14 quest by the Secretary, information which is re-
15 ceived by the manufacturer derived from foreign
16 and domestic sources to the extent that such in-
17 formation may assist in the identification of de-
18 fects related to motor vehicle safety in motor
19 vehicles and motor vehicle equipment in the
20 United States and which concerns—

21 “(i) data on claims submitted to the
22 manufacturer for serious injuries (includ-
23 ing death) and aggregate statistical data
24 on property damage from alleged defects in

1 a motor vehicle or in motor vehicle equip-
2 ment; or

3 “(ii) customer satisfaction campaigns,
4 consumer advisories, recalls, or other activ-
5 ity involving the repair or replacement of
6 motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle
7 equipment.

8 “(B) OTHER DATA.—As part of the final
9 rule promulgated under paragraph (1), the Sec-
10 retary may, to the extent that such information
11 may assist in the identification of defects re-
12 lated to motor vehicle safety in motor vehicles
13 and motor vehicle equipment in the United
14 States, require manufacturers of motor vehicles
15 or motor vehicle equipment to report, periodi-
16 cally or upon request of the Secretary, such in-
17 formation as the Secretary may request.

18 “(C) REPORTING OF POSSIBLE DE-
19 FECTS.—The manufacturer of a motor vehicle
20 or motor vehicle equipment shall report to the
21 Secretary, in such manner as the Secretary es-
22 tablishes by regulation, all incidents of which
23 the manufacturer receives actual notice which
24 involve fatalities or serious injuries which are
25 alleged or proven to have been caused by a pos-

1 sible defect in such manufacturer’s motor vehi-
2 cle or motor vehicle equipment in the United
3 States, or in a foreign country when the pos-
4 sible defect is in a motor vehicle or motor vehi-
5 cle equipment that is identical or substantially
6 similar to a motor vehicle or motor vehicle
7 equipment offered for sale in the United States.

8 “(4) HANDLING AND UTILIZATION OF REPORT-
9 ING ELEMENTS.—

10 “(A) SECRETARY’S SPECIFICATIONS.—In
11 requiring the reporting of any information re-
12 quested by the Secretary under this subsection,
13 the Secretary shall specify in the final rule pro-
14 mulgated under paragraph (1)—

15 “(i) how such information will be re-
16 viewed and utilized to assist in the identi-
17 fication of defects related to motor vehicle
18 safety;

19 “(ii) the systems and processes the
20 Secretary will employ or establish to review
21 and utilize such information; and

22 “(iii) the manner and form of report-
23 ing such information, including in elec-
24 tronic form.

1 “(B) INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF
2 MANUFACTURER.—The regulations promulgated
3 by the Secretary under paragraph (1) may not
4 require a manufacturer of a motor vehicle or
5 motor vehicle equipment to maintain or submit
6 records respecting information not in the pos-
7 session of the manufacturer.

8 “(C) DISCLOSURE.—None of the informa-
9 tion collected pursuant to the final rule promul-
10 gated under paragraph (1) shall be disclosed
11 pursuant to section 30167(b) unless the Sec-
12 retary determines the disclosure of such infor-
13 mation will assist in carrying out sections
14 30117(b) and 30118 through 30121.

15 “(D) BURDENSOME REQUIREMENTS.—In
16 promulgating the final rule under paragraph
17 (1), the Secretary shall not impose require-
18 ments unduly burdensome to a manufacturer of
19 a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment,
20 taking into account the manufacturer’s cost of
21 complying with such requirements and the Sec-
22 retary’s ability to use the information sought in
23 a meaningful manner to assist in the identifica-
24 tion of defects related to motor vehicle safety.

1 “(5) PERIODIC REVIEW.—As part of the final
2 rule promulgated pursuant to paragraph (1), the
3 Secretary shall specify procedures for the periodic
4 review and update of such rule.”.

5 (c) SALE OR LEASE OF DEFECTIVE OR NONCOMPLI-
6 ANT TIRE.—Section 30166 of title 49, United States
7 Code, as amended by subsection (b), is amended by adding
8 at the end the following:

9 “(n) SALE OR LEASE OF DEFECTIVE OR NON-
10 COMPLIANT TIRE.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, within
12 90 days of the date of the enactment of the Trans-
13 portation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and
14 Documentation (TREAD) Act, issue a final rule re-
15 quiring any person who knowingly and willfully sells
16 or leases for use on a motor vehicle a defective tire
17 or a tire which is not compliant with an applicable
18 tire safety standard with actual knowledge that the
19 manufacturer of such tire has notified its dealers of
20 such defect or noncompliance as required under sec-
21 tion 30118(c) or as required by an order under sec-
22 tion 30118(b) to report such sale or lease to the
23 Secretary.

24 “(2) DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE REMEDIED
25 OR ORDER NOT IN EFFECT.—Regulations under

1 paragraph (1) shall not require the reporting de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1) where before delivery under
3 a sale or lease of a tire—

4 “(A) the defect or noncompliance of the
5 tire is remedied as required by section 30120;
6 or

7 “(B) notification of the defect or non-
8 compliance is required under section 30118(b)
9 but enforcement of the order is restrained or
10 the order is set aside in a civil action to which
11 section 30121(d) applies.”.

12 (d) INSURANCE STUDY.—The Secretary of Transpor-
13 tation shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility
14 and utility of obtaining aggregate information on a regular
15 and periodic basis regarding claims made for private pas-
16 senger automobile accidents from persons in the business
17 of providing private passenger automobile insurance or of
18 adjusting insurance claims for such automobiles. Not later
19 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
20 the Secretary shall transmit the results of such study to
21 the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representa-
22 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
23 Transportation of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 4. REMEDIES WITHOUT CHARGE.**

2 Section 30120(g)(1) of title 49, United States Code,
3 is amended by—

4 (1) striking “8 calendar years” and inserting
5 “10 calendar years”; and

6 (2) striking “3 calendar years” and inserting
7 “5 calendar years”.

8 **SEC. 5. PENALTIES.**

9 (a) CIVIL PENALTIES.—Section 30165(a) of title 49,
10 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 “(a) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person that violates any
13 of sections 30112, 30115, 30117 through 30122,
14 30123(d), 30125(c), 30127, or 30141 through
15 30147, or a regulation prescribed thereunder, is lia-
16 ble to the United States Government for a civil pen-
17 alty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation. A
18 separate violation occurs for each motor vehicle or
19 item of motor vehicle equipment and for each failure
20 or refusal to allow or perform an act required by any
21 of those sections. The maximum penalty under this
22 subsection for a related series of violations is
23 \$15,000,000.

24 “(2) SECTION 30166.—A person who violates
25 section 30166 or a regulation prescribed under that
26 section is liable to the United States Government for

1 a civil penalty for failing or refusing to allow or per-
2 form an act required under that section or regula-
3 tion. The maximum penalty under this paragraph is
4 \$5,000 per violation per day. The maximum penalty
5 under this paragraph for a related series of daily
6 violations is \$15,000,000.”.

7 (b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter
9 301 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
10 adding at the end the following:

11 **“§ 30170. Criminal Penalties**

12 “(a) CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR FALSIFYING OR
13 WITHHOLDING INFORMATION.—

14 “(1) GENERAL RULE.—A person who violates
15 section 1001 of title 18 with respect to the reporting
16 requirements of section 30166, with the specific in-
17 tention of misleading the Secretary with respect to
18 motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment safety re-
19 lated defects that have caused death or serious bod-
20 ily injury to an individual, (as defined in section
21 1365(g)(3) of title 18), shall be subject to criminal
22 penalties of a fine under title 18, or imprisoned for
23 not more than 15 years, or both.

24 “(2) SAFE HARBOR TO ENCOURAGE REPORTING
25 AND FOR WHISTLE BLOWERS.—

1 “(A) CORRECTION.—A person described in
2 paragraph (1) shall not be subject to criminal
3 penalties under this subsection if: (1) at the
4 time of the violation, such person does not
5 know that the violation would result in an acci-
6 dent causing death or serious bodily injury; and
7 (2) the person corrects any improper reports or
8 failure to report within a reasonable time.

9 “(B) REASONABLE TIME AND SUFFI-
10 CIENCY OF CORRECTION.—The Secretary shall
11 establish by regulation what constitutes a rea-
12 sonable time for the purposes of subparagraph
13 (A) and what manner of correction is sufficient
14 for purposes of subparagraph (A). The Sec-
15 retary shall issue a final rule under this sub-
16 paragraph within 90 days of the date of the en-
17 actment of this section.

18 “(C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a)
19 shall not take effect before the final rule under
20 subparagraph (B) takes effect.

21 “(b) COORDINATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUS-
22 TICE.—The Attorney General may bring an action, or ini-
23 tiate grand jury proceedings, for a violation of subsection
24 (a) only at the request of the Secretary of Transpor-
25 tation.”.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The subchapter
2 analysis for subchapter IV of chapter 301 of title
3 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

“30170. Criminal penalties.”.

5 **SEC. 6. ACCELERATION OF MANUFACTURER REMEDY PRO-**
6 **GRAM.**

7 Section 30120(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

9 “(3) If the Secretary determines that a manufactur-
10 er’s remedy program is not likely to be capable of comple-
11 tion within a reasonable time, the Secretary may require
12 the manufacturer to accelerate the remedy program if the
13 Secretary finds—

14 “(A) that there is a risk of serious injury or
15 death if the remedy program is not accelerated; and

16 “(B) that acceleration of the remedy program
17 can be reasonably achieved by expanding the sources
18 of replacement parts, expanding the number of au-
19 thorized repair facilities, or both.

20 The Secretary may prescribe regulations to carry out this
21 paragraph.”.

22 **SEC. 7. SALES OF REPLACED TIRES.**

23 Section 30120(d) of title 49, United States Code, is
24 amended by adding at the end the following: “In the case
25 of a remedy program involving the replacement of tires,

1 the manufacturer shall include a plan addressing how to
2 prevent, to the extent reasonably within the control of the
3 manufacturer, replaced tires from being resold for installa-
4 tion on a motor vehicle, and how to limit, to the extent
5 reasonably within the control of the manufacturer, the dis-
6 posal of replaced tires in landfills, particularly through
7 shredding, crumbling, recycling, recovery, and other alter-
8 native beneficial non-vehicular uses. The manufacturer
9 shall include information about the implementation of
10 such plan with each quarterly report to the Secretary re-
11 garding the progress of any notification or remedy cam-
12 paigns.”.

13 **SEC. 8. SALES OF REPLACED EQUIPMENT.**

14 Section 30120 of title 49, United States Code, is
15 amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(j) PROHIBITION ON SALES OF REPLACED EQUIP-
17 MENT.—No person may sell or lease any motor vehicle
18 equipment (including a tire), for installation on a motor
19 vehicle, that is the subject of a decision under section
20 30118(b) or a notice required under section 30118(c) in
21 a condition that it may be reasonably used for its original
22 purpose unless—

23 “(1) the defect or noncompliance is remedied as
24 required by this section before delivery under the
25 sale or lease; or

1 “(2) notification of the defect or noncompliance
2 is required under section 30118(b) but enforcement
3 of the order is set aside in a civil action to which
4 section 30121(d) applies.”.

5 **SEC. 9. CERTIFICATION LABEL.**

6 Section 30115 of title 49, United States Code, is
7 amended by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before “A
8 manufacturer” and by adding at the end the following:
9 “(b) CERTIFICATION LABEL.—In the case of the cer-
10 tification label affixed by an intermediate or final stage
11 manufacturer of a motor vehicle built in more than 1
12 stage, each intermediate or final stage manufacturer shall
13 certify with respect to each applicable Federal motor vehi-
14 cle safety standard—

15 “(1) that it has complied with the specifications
16 set forth in the compliance documentation provided
17 by the incomplete motor vehicle manufacturer in ac-
18 cordance with regulations prescribed by the Sec-
19 retary; or

20 “(2) that it has elected to assume responsibility
21 for compliance with that standard.

22 If the intermediate or final stage manufacturer elects to
23 assume responsibility for compliance with the standard
24 covered by the documentation provided by an incomplete
25 motor vehicle manufacturer, the intermediate or final

1 stage manufacturer shall notify the incomplete motor vehi-
2 cle manufacturer in writing within a reasonable time of
3 affixing the certification label. A violation of this sub-
4 section shall not be subject to a civil penalty under section
5 30165.”.

6 **SEC. 10. ENDURANCE AND RESISTANCE STANDARDS FOR**
7 **TIRES.**

8 The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a rule-
9 making to revise and update the tire standards published
10 at 49 CFR 571.109 and 49 CFR 571.119. The Secretary
11 shall complete the rulemaking under this section not later
12 than June 1, 2002.

13 **SEC. 11. IMPROVED TIRE INFORMATION.**

14 (a) TIRE LABELING.—Within 30 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
16 tation shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding to improve
17 the labeling of tires required by section 30123 of title 49,
18 United States Code to assist consumers in identifying tires
19 that may be the subject of a decision under section
20 30118(b) or a notice required under section 30118(c). The
21 Secretary shall complete the rulemaking not later than
22 June 1, 2002.

23 (b) INFLATION LEVELS AND LOAD LIMITS.—In the
24 rulemaking initiated under subsection (a), the Secretary
25 may take whatever additional action is appropriate to en-

1 sure that the public is aware of the importance of observ-
2 ing motor vehicle tire load limits and maintaining proper
3 tire inflation levels for the safe operation of a motor vehi-
4 cle. Such additional action may include a requirement that
5 the manufacturer of motor vehicles provide the purchasers
6 of the motor vehicles information on appropriate tire infla-
7 tion levels and load limits if the Secretary determines that
8 requiring such manufacturers to provide such information
9 is the most appropriate way such information can be pro-
10 vided.

11 **SEC. 12. ROLLOVER TESTS.**

12 Section 30117 of title 49, United States Code, is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(c) ROLLOVER TESTS.—

15 “(1) DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than 2 years
16 from the date of the enactment of this subsection,
17 the Secretary shall—

18 “(A) develop a dynamic test on rollovers by
19 motor vehicles for the purposes of a consumer
20 information program; and

21 “(B) carry out a program of conducting
22 such tests.

23 “(2) TEST RESULTS.—As the Secretary devel-
24 ops a test under paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary

1 shall conduct a rulemaking to determine how best to
2 disseminate test results to the public.

3 “(3) MOTOR VEHICLES COVERED.—This sub-
4 section applies to motor vehicles, including passenger
5 cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, and trucks,
6 with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds
7 or less. A motor vehicle designed to provide tem-
8 porary residential accommodations is not covered.”.

9 **SEC. 13. TIRE PRESSURE WARNING.**

10 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall complete
12 a rulemaking for a regulation to require a warning system
13 in new motor vehicles to indicate to the operator when a
14 tire is significantly under inflated. Such requirement shall
15 become effective not later than 2 years after the date of
16 the completion of such rulemaking.

17 **SEC. 14. IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF CHILD RESTRAINTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
20 Transportation shall initiate a rulemaking for the purpose
21 of improving the safety of child restraints, including mini-
22 mizing head injuries from side impact collisions.

23 (b) ELEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In the rule-
24 making required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall
25 consider—

1 (1) whether to require more comprehensive
2 tests for child restraints than the current Federal
3 motor vehicle safety standards requires, including
4 the use of dynamic tests that—

5 (A) replicate an array of crash conditions,
6 such as side-impact crashes and rear-impact
7 crashes; and

8 (B) reflect the designs of passenger motor
9 vehicles as of the date of the enactment of this
10 Act;

11 (2) whether to require the use of
12 anthropomorphic test devices that—

13 (A) represent a greater range of sizes of
14 children including the need to require the use of
15 an anthropomorphic test device that is rep-
16 resentative of a ten-year-old child; and

17 (B) are Hybrid III anthropomorphic test
18 devices;

19 (3) whether to require improved protection from
20 head injuries in side-impact and rear-impact crashes;

21 (4) how to provide consumer information on the
22 physical compatibility of child restraints and vehicle
23 seats on a model-by-model basis;

1 (5) whether to prescribe clearer and simpler la-
2 bels and instructions required to be placed on child
3 restraints;

4 (6) whether to amend Federal Motor Vehicle
5 Safety Standard No. 213 (49 CFR 571.213) to
6 cover restraints for children weighing up to 80
7 pounds;

8 (7) whether to establish booster seat perform-
9 ance and structural integrity requirements to be dy-
10 namically tested in 3-point lap and shoulder belts;

11 (8) whether to apply scaled injury criteria per-
12 formance levels, including neck injury, developed for
13 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208 to
14 child restraints and booster seats covered by in Fed-
15 eral Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213; and

16 (9) whether to include child restraint in each
17 vehicle crash tested under the New Car Assessment
18 Program.

19 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—If the Secretary does
20 not incorporate any element described in subsection (b)
21 in the final rule, the Secretary shall explain, in a report
22 to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and
23 Transportation and the House of Representatives Com-
24 mittee on Commerce submitted within 30 days after

1 issuing the final rule, specifically why the Secretary did
2 not incorporate any such element in the final rule.

3 (d) COMPLETION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Secretary shall complete the rulemaking
5 required by subsection (a) not later than 24 months after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act.

7 (e) CHILD RESTRAINT DEFINED.—In this section,
8 the term “child restraint” has the meaning given the term
9 “Child restraint system” in section 571.213 of title 49,
10 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of
11 the enactment of this Act).

12 (f) FUNDING.—For each fiscal year, of the funds
13 made available to the Secretary for activities relating to
14 safety, not less than \$750,000 shall be made available to
15 carry out crash testing of child restraints.

16 (g) CHILD RESTRAINT SAFETY RATINGS PRO-
17 GRAM.—No later than 12 months after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation
19 shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking to establish
20 a child restraint safety rating consumer information pro-
21 gram to provide practicable, readily understandable, and
22 timely information to consumers for use in making in-
23 formed decisions in the purchase of child restraints. No
24 later than 24 months after the date of the enactment of
25 this Act the Secretary shall issue a final rule establishing

1 a child restraint safety rating program and providing
2 other consumer information which the Secretary deter-
3 mines would be useful consumers who purchase child re-
4 straint systems.

5 (h) BOOSTER SEAT STUDY.—In addition to consider-
6 ation of booster seat performance and structural integrity
7 contained in subsection (b)(7), not later than 12 months
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of Transportation shall initiate and complete a study, tak-
10 ing into account the views of the public, on the use and
11 effectiveness of automobile booster seats for children, com-
12 piling information on the advantages and disadvantages
13 of using booster seats and determining the benefits, if any,
14 to children from use of booster with lap and shoulder belts
15 compared to children using lap and shoulder belts alone,
16 and submit a report on the results of that study to the
17 Congress.

18 (i) BOOSTER SEAT EDUCATION PROGRAM.—The Sec-
19 retary of Transportation within 1 year after the date of
20 the enactment of this Act shall develop 5 year strategic
21 plan to reduce deaths and injuries caused by failure to
22 use the appropriate booster seat in the 4 to 8 year old
23 age group by 25 percent.

1 **SEC. 15. IMPROVING CRITERIA USED IN A RECALL.**

2 (a) REVIEW OF STANDARDS AND CRITERIA USED IN
3 OPENING A DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE INVESTIGA-
4 TION.—The Secretary shall, not later than 30 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, undertake a com-
6 prehensive review of all standards, criteria, procedures,
7 and methods, including data management and analysis
8 used by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-
9 tion in determining whether to open a defect or noncompli-
10 ance investigation pursuant to subchapter II or IV of
11 chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, and shall un-
12 dertake such steps as may be necessary to update and im-
13 prove such standards, criteria, procedures, or methods, in-
14 cluding data management and analysis.

15 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 shall transmit to the Committee on Commerce of the
18 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
19 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
20 describing the Secretary’s findings and actions under sub-
21 section (a).

22 **SEC. 16. FOLLOW-UP REPORT.**

23 One year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
24 the Secretary of Transportation shall report to the Con-
25 gress on the implementation of the amendments made by

1 this Act and any recommendations for additional amend-
2 ments for consumer safety.

3 **SEC. 17. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 In addition to any sums authorized to be appro-
5 priated by sections 30104 or 32102 of title 49, United
6 States Code, there is authorized to be appropriated to the
7 Secretary of Transportation for the National Highway
8 Traffic Safety Administration for fiscal year 2001
9 \$9,100,000 to carry out this Act and the amendments
10 made by this Act. Such funds shall not be available for
11 the general administrative expenses of the Secretary or the
12 Administration.

Passed the House of Representatives October 10,
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.