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S. 2563

To amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway safety and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 Driver Safe-
5 ty Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISTRACTED DRIVING INCENTIVE GRANTS.**

7 Section 405(e) of title 23, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “includes dis-
 2 tracted driving issues as part of the State’s driver’s
 3 license examination and” after “any State that”;

4 (2) in paragraph (3)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
 6 “and” at the end;

7 (B) by striking subparagraph (C); and

8 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as
 9 subparagraph (C);

10 (3) in paragraph (4)(C), by striking “section
 11 31152” and inserting “section 31136”; and

12 (4) by amending paragraph (6) to read as fol-
 13 lows:

14 “(6) DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT
 15 GRANTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
 17 use up to 50 percent of the amounts available
 18 for grants under this subsection to award
 19 grants to any State that—

20 “(i) in fiscal year 2015—

21 “(I) has a basic text messaging
 22 statute, as determined by the Sec-
 23 retary, that—

24 “(aa) is applicable to drivers
 25 of all ages; and

1 “(bb) makes violation of the
2 basic text messaging statute a
3 primary offense;

4 “(II) participates in the annual
5 distracted driving law enforcement
6 mobilization coordinated by the Sec-
7 retary; and

8 “(III) is otherwise ineligible for a
9 grant under this subsection;

10 “(ii) in fiscal year 2016—

11 “(I) meets the requirements of
12 clause (i);

13 “(II) imposes increased fines for
14 repeat violations; and

15 “(III) has a statute that pro-
16 hibits a driver who is younger than 18
17 years of age from using a personal
18 wireless communications device while
19 driving.

20 “(B) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses
22 (ii) and (iii), amounts received by a State
23 under subparagraph (A) may be used for
24 activities related to the enforcement of dis-
25 tracted driving laws.

1 “(ii) FISCAL YEAR 2015.—In fiscal
2 year 2015, up to 15 percent of the
3 amounts received by a State under sub-
4 paragraph (A) may be used for any eligible
5 project or activity under section 402.

6 “(iii) FISCAL YEAR 2016.—In fiscal
7 year 2016, up to 25 percent of the
8 amounts received by a State under sub-
9 paragraph (A) may be used for any eligible
10 project or activity under section 402.”.

11 **SEC. 3. BARRIERS TO DATA COLLECTION REPORT.**

12 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-
14 ministration shall submit a report to the Committee on
15 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the
16 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
17 Representatives, and the Committee on Transportation
18 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that—

19 (1) identifies any legal and technical barriers to
20 capturing adequate data on the prevalence of wire-
21 less communications devices while driving; and

22 (2) provides recommendations on how to ad-
23 dress such barriers.

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