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H. R. 4709

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to award grants to States that have enacted and are enforcing certain laws with respect to stretch limousines, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2019

Mr. TONKO (for himself, Mr. DELGADO, and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Take Unsafe Limos
5 Off the Road Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR SAFETY OF STRETCH LIM-**
2 **OUSINES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 311 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 31162. Grant program for safety of stretch lim-**
7 **ousines**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
9 shall make a grant, in accordance with this section, to any
10 State that has enacted and is enforcing a law that requires
11 the impoundment or immobilization of a stretch limousine
12 if such limousine is found to have an eligible defect upon
13 inspection.

14 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A State is eligible for a grant
15 under this section for a fiscal year if such State has en-
16 acted and is enforcing a law described in subsection (a)
17 on October 1 of such fiscal year.

18 “(c) GRANTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on October 1 of
20 the first fiscal year beginning after the date of en-
21 actment of this section, the Secretary shall apportion
22 funds appropriated to carry out this section to each
23 State that has enacted and is enforcing a law de-
24 scribed in subsection (a) in an amount determined
25 by—

1 “(A) subtracting all amounts provided to
2 States pursuant to paragraph (2) from
3 \$5,000,000; and

4 “(B) dividing the amount described in sub-
5 paragraph (A) by the number of States eligible
6 for a grant for such fiscal year.

7 “(2) INCREASE OF AMOUNTS.—Beginning on
8 October 1 of the first fiscal year beginning after the
9 date of enactment of this section, a State is eligible
10 for an additional \$50,000 if the State has enacted
11 and is enforcing a law or regulation that requires—

12 “(A) any safety inspection of a stretch lim-
13 ousine to be conducted at a designated site con-
14 trolled by the State; and

15 “(B) the inspection described in subpara-
16 graph (A) to be conducted by employees trained
17 in the inspection of stretch limousines.

18 “(d) USES OF FUNDS.—A State receiving a grant
19 under this section may use such funds—

20 “(1) for the impoundment or immobilization of
21 a stretch limousine;

22 “(2) for the establishment and operating ex-
23 penses of designated stretch limousine safety inspec-
24 tion sites; or

1 “(3) to train employees in the inspection of
2 stretch limousines.

3 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

4 “(1) ELIGIBLE DEFECT.—The term ‘eligible de-
5 fect’ means any defect that would cause a motor ve-
6 hicle to fail a commercial motor vehicle safety in-
7 spection.

8 “(2) PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term
9 ‘passenger motor vehicle’ has the meaning given the
10 term in section 32101 of title 49, United States
11 Code.

12 “(3) STRETCH LIMOUSINE.—The term ‘stretch
13 limousine’ means a new or used passenger motor ve-
14 hicle that has been modified, altered, or extended in
15 a manner that increases the overall wheelbase of the
16 vehicle, exceeding the original equipment manufac-
17 turer’s wheelbase dimension for the base model and
18 year of the vehicle, in any amount sufficient to ac-
19 commodate additional passengers with a seating ca-
20 pacity of not fewer than 9 passengers including the
21 driver.

22 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2024.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 311 of title 49 is amended by adding at the end the
3 following:

“31162. Grant program for safety of stretch limousines.”.

