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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 2019

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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,*

1   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Cullum Owings Large  
3   Truck Safe Operating Speed Act of 2019”.

4   **SEC. 2. FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD AND**  
5                   **FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULA-**  
6                   **TION FOR SPEED-LIMITING TECHNOLOGIES.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8               (1) according to the Federal Motor Carrier  
9   Safety Administration, during the period beginning  
10   on January 1, 2004, and ending on December 31,  
11   2013, 10,440 people were killed in motor vehicle  
12   crashes in which the speed of a commercial motor  
13   vehicle likely contributed to severity;

14              (2) a 2007 survey of truck drivers by the Insurance  
15   Institute for Highway Safety determined that  
16   64 percent of the drivers were in favor of a speed-  
17   limiting requirement;

18              (3) according to a 2012 study commissioned by  
19   Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, trucks  
20   not using a speed-limiting technology had a speed  
21   limit-relevant crash rate almost 2 times higher than  
22   the rate of trucks using a speed-limiting technology;

23              (4) speed-limiting devices have been required to  
24   be installed and used on commercial motor vehicles  
25   throughout the world, including in—

(A) Australia, which has required the use of those devices since 1990;

(B) the United Kingdom, which has required the use of those devices since 1992; and

(C) the European Union, which has required the use of those devices since 1994; and

7                   (5) the Department of Transportation has been  
8 examining the issues involving speed-limiting tech-  
9 nologies since at least 2006.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11                             (1) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term  
12                             “commercial motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle  
13                             used in commerce that has a gross vehicle weight  
14                             rating or a gross vehicle weight of not less than  
15                             26,001 pounds.

22 (c) FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD  
23 AND MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATION.—

1                         (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
2                         the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3                         shall—

4                             (A) acting through the Administrator of  
5                         the National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-  
6                         tration, issue a final rule that establishes a  
7                         Federal motor vehicle safety standard that re-  
8                         quires that all commercial motor vehicles manu-  
9                         factured after the effective date of the standard  
10                         shall be equipped with a speed-limiting tech-  
11                         nology; and

12                         (B) acting through the Administrator of  
13                         the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administra-  
14                         tion, issue a final rule that establishes a Fed-  
15                         eral motor carrier safety regulation that re-  
16                         quires that any existing speed-limiting tech-  
17                         nology already installed in a commercial motor  
18                         vehicle shall be used at any time during which  
19                         the commercial motor vehicle is in operation, in  
20                         accordance with paragraph (2).

21                         (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In issuing a final rule  
22                         pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

23                             (A) include requirements to ensure that  
24                         each speed-limiting technology—

10 (I) prior to the effective date of  
11 the standard or regulation; or

## 20 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—

1       maintains for the commercial motor vehicle a max-  
2       imum safe speed of not faster than 65 miles per  
3       hour.

4                 (2) VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH RE-  
5       QUIREMENTS.—The owner of each commercial motor  
6       vehicle subject to a requirement under this section  
7       shall verify, and submit to the Secretary a certifi-  
8       cation of, compliance with the requirement at such  
9       time and in such manner as the Secretary may es-  
10      tablish, by regulation.

