

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 1082

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## AN ACT

To prohibit the unauthorized sale of ride-hailing signage and study the incidence of fatal and non-fatal assaults in TNC and for-hire vehicles in order to enhance safety and save lives.

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 “Sami’s Law”.

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) **PASSENGER.**—The term “passenger” means  
6 an individual who is matched with a TNC driver  
7 through a TNC platform.

8 (2) **TNC DRIVER.**—The term “TNC driver”  
9 means an individual who contracts with a transpor-  
10 tation network company and provides transportation  
11 services facilitated through a TNC platform in ex-  
12 change for compensation or payment of a fee from  
13 a passenger.

14 (3) **TNC PLATFORM.**—The term “TNC plat-  
15 form” means an online-enabled application or digital  
16 network made available by a transportation network  
17 company to connect passengers to TNC drivers for  
18 the purpose of a TNC driver providing prearranged  
19 transportation services.

20 (4) **TNC VEHICLE.**—The term “TNC vehicle”  
21 means a vehicle (also known as a “ride-hailing vehi-  
22 cle”) that is—

23 (A) owned, leased, or otherwise authorized  
24 for use by a TNC driver; and

1 (B) used by the TNC driver to provide to  
2 passengers prearranged transportation services  
3 facilitated through a TNC platform.

4 (5) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY;  
5 TNC.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The terms “transpor-  
7 tation network company” and “TNC” mean a  
8 corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or  
9 other entity that makes available a TNC plat-  
10 form to connect passengers to TNC drivers in  
11 exchange for compensation or payment of a fee  
12 in order for the TNC driver to transport the  
13 passenger using a TNC vehicle.

14 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “transpor-  
15 tation network company” and “TNC” does not  
16 include—

17 (i) a shared-expense carpool or van-  
18 pool arrangement that is not intended to  
19 generate profit for the driver; or

20 (ii) microtransit or other dedicated  
21 services provided exclusively on behalf of a  
22 government entity, a nonprofit organiza-  
23 tion, or a third-party commercial enter-  
24 prise.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF RIDE-HAILING SIGNAGE.**

2 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection

3 (b), it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer

4 for sale any signage that—

5 (1) is designed to help a passenger to identify

6 a TNC vehicle; and

7 (2) either—

8 (A) contains a proprietary trademark or

9 logo of a transportation network company; or

10 (B) purports to be signage of a transpor-

11 tation network company.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall not apply

13 to any person authorized by a transportation network

14 company to sell or offer for sale signage of the transpor-

15 tation network company described in that subsection.

16 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—A violation of this section

18 shall be considered to be a violation of a rule defin-

19 ing an unfair or deceptive act or practice prescribed

20 under section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade

21 Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)).

22 (2) ACTION BY FTC.—The Federal Trade Com-

23 mission shall enforce this section in the same man-

24 ner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdic-

25 tion, powers, and duties as though all applicable pro-

visions of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) are incorporated in this Act.

(3) TREATMENT.—Any person who violates this section shall be subject to the penalties, and entitled to the privileges and immunities, provided in the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.).

(d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section limits the authority of the Federal Trade Commission under any other provision of law.

**SEC. 4. GAO STUDY ON INCIDENCE OF FATAL AND NON-FATAL PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ASSAULT OF PASSENGERS, TNC DRIVERS, AND DRIVERS OF OTHER FOR-HIRE VEHICLES.**

(a) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report that includes the results of a study regarding—

(1) the incidence of fatal and non-fatal physical assault and sexual assault perpetrated in the preceding 2 calendar years (starting with calendar years 2019 and 2020 for the first study)—

1 (A) against TNC drivers and drivers of  
2 other for-hire vehicles (including taxicabs) by  
3 passengers and riders of for-hire vehicles; and

4 (B) against passengers and riders by other  
5 passengers and TNC drivers or drivers of other  
6 for-hire vehicles (including taxicabs), including  
7 the incidences that are committed by individ-  
8 uals who are not TNC drivers or drivers of  
9 other for-hire vehicles but who pose as TNC  
10 drivers or drivers of other for-hire vehicles;

11 (2) the nature and specifics of any background  
12 checks conducted on prospective TNC drivers and  
13 drivers of other for-hire vehicles (including taxicabs),  
14 including any State and local laws requiring those  
15 background checks; and

16 (3) the safety steps taken by transportation  
17 network companies and other for-hire vehicle serv-  
18 ices (including taxicab companies) related to rider  
19 and driver safety.

20 (b) SEXUAL ASSAULT DEFINED.—In this section, the  
21 term “sexual assault” means the occurrence of an act that  
22 constitutes any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by  
23 Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim  
24 lacks capacity to consent.

1 **SEC. 5. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

2       The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
3 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
4 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
5 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
6 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
7 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
8 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
9 vote on passage.

      Passed the House of Representatives December 14,  
2022.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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