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AT THE FIRST SESSION

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An Act

To authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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In this division, the following definitions apply:

(1) DEPARTMENT.—The term "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

(2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation.

SEC. 1002. RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS.

The Secretary shall reduce the amount apportioned or allocated for a program, project, or activity under titles I and VI of this Act in fiscal year 2016 by amounts apportioned or allocated pursuant to any extension Act of MAP-21, including the amendments made by that extension Act, during the period beginning on October 1, 2015, and ending on the date of enactment of this Act. For purposes of making such reductions, funds set aside pursuant to section 133(h) of title 23, United States Code, as amended by this Act, shall be reduced by the amount set aside pursuant to section 213 of such title, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1003, EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided, this division, including the amendments made by this division, takes effect on October 1, 2015.

SEC. 1004. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to "this Act" contained in this division shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of this division.

TITLE I—FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

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SEC. 1101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The following sums are authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account):
 - (1) FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM.—For the national highway performance program under section 119 of title 23, United States Code, the surface transportation block grant program under section 133 of that title, the highway safety improvement program under section 148 of that title, the congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program under section 149 of that title, the national highway freight program under section 167 of that title, and to carry out section 134 of that title—

 - (A) \$39,727,500,000 for fiscal year 2016; (B) \$40,547,805,000 for fiscal year 2017;
 - (C) \$41,424,020,075 for fiscal year 2018;
 - (D) \$42,358,903,696 for fiscal year 2019; and (E) \$43,373,294,311 for fiscal year 2020.
 - TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION PROGRAM.—For credit assistance under the transportation infrastructure finance and innovation program
 - under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code-(Å) \$275,000,000 for fiscal year 2016;

 - (B) \$275,000,000 for fiscal year 2017; (C) \$285,000,000 for fiscal year 2018;
 - (D) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
 - (E) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.
 - (3) FEDERAL LANDS AND TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PRO-GRAMS.
 - (A) TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.—For the tribal transportation program under section 202 of title 23, United States Code—
 - (i) \$465,000,000 for fiscal year 2016; (ii) \$475,000,000 for fiscal year 2017

 - (iii) \$485,000,000 for fiscal year 2018;
 - (iv) \$495,000,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
 - (v) 505,000,000 for fiscal year 2020. (B) FEDERAL LANDS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.—

(B) the Executive Office of the President;

(C) the military departments (as defined in section 102 of title 5, United States Code); and

(D) the judicial branch.

(7) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2016 and each succeeding fiscal year.

SEC. 1414. REPEAT OFFENDER CRITERIA.

Section 164(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended— (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (4) as paragraphs (2) through (5), respectively:

(2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redesignated, the following:

"(1) 24-7 SOBRIETY PROGRAM.—The term '24-7 sobriety program' has the meaning given the term in section $405(d)(7)(\bar{A})$."; (3) in paragraph (5), as redesignated–

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting "or combination of laws or programs" after "State

(B) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows: "(A) receive, for a period of not less than 1 year—

"(i) a suspension of all driving privileges;

"(ii) a restriction on driving privileges that limits the individual to operating only motor vehicles with an ignition interlock device installed, unless a special exception applies;

"(iii) a restriction on driving privileges that limits the individual to operating motor vehicles only if participating in, and complying with, a 24-7 sobriety

program; or

"(iv) any combination of clauses (i) through (iii);";

(C) by striking subparagraph (B);

(D) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively; and

(E) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated-

(i) in clause (i)(II) by inserting before the semicolon the following: "(unless the State certifies that the general practice is that such an individual will be incarcerated)"; and

(ii) in clause (ii)(II) by inserting before the period at the end the following: "(unless the State certifies that the general practice is that such an individual will receive 10 days of incarceration)"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(6) Special exception.—The term 'special exception' means an exception under a State alcohol-ignition interlock

law for the following circumstances:

"(A) The individual is required to operate an employer's motor vehicle in the course and scope of employment and the business entity that owns the vehicle is not owned or controlled by the individual.

"(B) The individual is certified by a medical doctor as being unable to provide a deep lung breath sample for analysis by an ignition interlock device.".

- (1) that exists on the date of enactment of this Act (or was removed in the 3-year period ending on such date of enactment); and
- (2) the area of which is less than or equal to 32 square feet.

SEC. 1426. MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, shall appoint a Motorcyclist Advisory Council to coordinate with and advise the Administrator on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including—

(1) barrier design;

- (2) road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and
- (3) the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

SEC. 1427. HIGHWAY WORK ZONES.

It is the sense of Congress that the Federal Highway Administration should—

- (1) do all within its power to protect workers in highway work zones; and
- (2) move rapidly to finalize regulations, as directed in section 1405 of MAP-21 (126 Stat. 560), to protect the lives and safety of construction workers in highway work zones from vehicle intrusions.

SEC. 1428. USE OF DURABLE, RESILIENT, AND SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS AND PRACTICES.

To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall encourage the use of durable, resilient, and sustainable materials and practices, including the use of geosynthetic materials and other innovative technologies, in carrying out the activities of the Federal Highway Administration.

SEC. 1429. IDENTIFICATION OF ROADSIDE HIGHWAY SAFETY HARDWARE DEVICES.

- (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study on methods for identifying roadside highway safety hardware devices to improve the data collected on the devices, as necessary for in-service evaluation of the devices.
- (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall evaluate identification methods based on the ability of the method—
 - (1) to convey information on the devices, including manufacturing date, factory of origin, product brand, and model;

(2) to withstand roadside conditions; and

- (3) to connect to State and regional inventories of similar devices.
- (c) IDENTIFICATION METHODS.—The identification methods to be studied under this section include stamped serial numbers, radiofrequency identification, and such other methods as the Secretary determines appropriate.
- (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than January 1, 2018, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the study under subsection (a).

- (2) shorten the project delivery process;
- (3) improve environmental sustainability;
- (4) enhance roadway safety; and
- (5) reduce congestion.
- (c) Innovation Deployment.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—At least every 2 years, the Administrator shall work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify a new collection of innovations, best practices, and data to be deployed to highway stakeholders through case studies, webinars, and demonstration projects.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In identifying a collection described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into account market readiness, impacts, benefits, and ease of adoption of the innova-

tion or practice.

(d) Publication.—Each collection identified under subsection (c) shall be published by the Administrator on a publicly available Web site.

SEC. 1445. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION.

Section 5028(a) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3907(a)) is amended-

(1) by striking paragraph (5); and

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively.

SEC. 1446. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) TITLE 23.—Title 23, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Section 119(d)(1)(A) is amended by striking "mobility," and inserting "congestion reduction, system reliability,"

(2) Section 126(b)(1) is amended by striking "133(d)" and

inserting "133(d)(1)(A)"

(3) Section 127(a)(3) is amended by striking "118(b)(2) of

- this title" and inserting "118(b)".

 (4) Section 150(b)(5) is amended by striking "national freight network" and inserting "National Highway Freight Network"
- (5) Section 150(c)(3)(B) is amended by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period.
- (6) Section 150(e)(4) is amended by striking "National Freight Strategic Plan" and inserting "national freight strategic plan'
- (7) Section 153(h)(2) is amended by striking "paragraphs (1) through (3)" and inserting "paragraphs (1), (2), and (4)". (8) Section 154(c) is amended—

 - (A) in paragraph (1) by striking "paragraphs (1), (3), and (4)" and inserting "paragraphs (1), (2), and (4)";
 (B) in paragraph (3)(A) by striking "transferred" and inserting "reserved"; and (C) in paragraph (5)

(C) in paragraph (5)-

- (i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by inserting "or released" after "transferred"; and (ii) in subparagraph (A) by striking "under section 104(b)(l)" and inserting "under section 104(b)(1)".
- (9) Section 163(f)(2) is amended by striking "118(b)(2)" and inserting "118(b)". (10) Section 164(b) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (3)(A) by striking "transferred" and inserting "reserved"; and

- (B) in paragraph (5) by inserting "or released" after "transferred"
- (11) Section 165(c)(7) is amended by striking "paragraphs (2), (4), (7), (8), (14), and (19) of section 133(b)" and inserting paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 133(c) and section 133(b)(12)".

(12) Section 202(b)(3) is amended-

- (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), in the matter preceding subclause (I), by inserting "(a)(6)," after "subsections"; and (B) in subparagraph (C)(ii)(IV), by striking "(III).]" and
- inserting "(III).

(13) Section 217(a) is amended by striking "104(b)(3)" and inserting "104(b)(4)".

(14) Section 515 is amended by striking "this chapter" each place it appears and inserting "sections 512 through 518".

(b) TITLE 49.—Section 6302(b)(3)(B)(vi)(III) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "6310" and inserting "6309".

(c) SAFETEA-LU.—Section 4407 of SAFETEA-LU (Public Law 109-59; 119 Stat. 1777) is amended by striking "hereby enacted law" and inserting "granted"

into law" and inserting "granted".

(d) MAP-21.—Effective as of July 6, 2012, and as if included therein as enacted, MAP-21 (Public Law 112-141) is amended as follows:

(1) Section 1109(a)(2) (126 Stat. 444) is amended by striking "fourth" and inserting "fifth".

(2) Section 1203 (126 Stat. 524) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a) by striking "Section 150 of title 23, United States Code, is amended to read as follows" and inserting "Title 23, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 149 the following"; and

(B) in subsection (b) by striking "by striking the item relating to section 150 and inserting" and inserting "by inserting after the item relating to section 149".

(3) Section 1313(a)(1) (126 Stat. 545) is amended to read as follows:

'(1) in the section heading by striking 'pilot'; and". (4) Section 1314(b) (126 Stat. 549) is amended—

- (A) by inserting "chapter 3 of" after "analysis for"; and
- (B) by inserting a period at the end of the matter proposed to be inserted.
 (5) Section 1519(c) (126 Stat. 575) is amended—

(A) by striking paragraph (3);

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (12) as paragraphs (3) through (11), respectively;

(C) in paragraph (7), as redesignated by subparagraph

(B)—

(i) by striking the period at the end of the matter proposed to be struck; and

(ii) by adding a period at the end; and

(D) in paragraph (8)(A)(i)(I), as redesignated by subparagraph (B), by striking "than rail" in the matter proposed to be struck and inserting "than on rail".

(e) TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

ACT OF 2012.—Section 51001(a)(1) of the Transportation Research

and Innovative Technology Act of 2012 (126 Stat. 864) is amended by striking "sections 503(b), 503(d), and 509" and inserting "section 503(b)".

TITLE II—INNOVATIVE PROJECT **FINANCE**

SEC. 2001. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT OF 1998 AMENDMENTS.

(a) Definitions.—Section 601(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended-

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

- (A) by striking "In this chapter, the" and inserting "The"; and
- (B) by inserting "to sections 601 through 609" after "apply";

(2) in paragraph (2)—

- (A) in subparagraph (B) by striking "and" at the end; (B) in subparagraph (C) by striking the period at the
- end and inserting "; and"; and (C) by adding at the end the following:
- "(D) capitalizing a rural projects fund.";
 (3) in paragraph (3) by striking "this chapter" and inserting "the TIFIA program"

(4) in paragraph (10)–

- (A) by striking "(10) MASTER CREDIT AGREEMENT.— "and all that follows before subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:
- "(10) MASTER CREDIT AGREEMENT.—The term 'master credit agreement' means a conditional agreement to extend credit assistance for a program of related projects secured by a common security pledge covered under section 602(b)(2)(A) or for a single project covered under section 602(b)(2)(B) that does not provide for a current obligation of Federal funds, and that would—";
 - (B) in subparagraph (A) by striking "subject to the availability of future funds being made available to carry out this chapter;" and inserting "subject to—

 "(i) the availability of future funds being made

available to carry out the TIFIA program; and "(ii) the satisfaction of all of the conditions for the provision of credit assistance under the TIFIA program, including section 603(b)(1);"; and

(C) in subparagraph (D)-

(i) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively;

(ii) by inserting after clause (i) the following:

"(ii) receiving an investment grade rating from

a rating agency;";

- (iii) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated) by striking "in section 602(c)" and inserting "under the TIFIA program, including sections 602(c) and 603(b)(1)"; and
- (iv) in clause (iv) (as so redesignated) by striking "this chapter" and inserting "the TIFIA program";

(5) in paragraph (12)-

(A) in subparagraph (C) by striking "and" at the end;

(c) Repeal of Section 5319.—Section 5319 of title 49, United States Code, and the item relating to that section in the analysis for chapter 53 of such title, are repealed.

(d) REPEAL OF SECTION 5322.—Section 5322 of title 49, United States Code, and the item relating to that section in the analysis

for chapter 53 of such title, are repealed.

(e) Section 5325.—Section 5325 of title 49, United States Code is amended—

- (1) in subsection (e)(2), by striking "at least two"; and (2) in subsection (h), by striking "Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012" and inserting "Federal Public Transportation Act of 2015'
- (f) Section 5340.—Section 5340 of title 49, United States Code, is amended-

(1) by striking subsection (b); and

(2) by inserting the following: "(b) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall apportion the amounts made available under section 5338(b)(2)(N) in accordance with sub-

section (c) and subsection (d).".

(g) CHAPTER 105 OF TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section

10501(c) of title 49, United States Code, is amended-

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking "section 5302(a)" and inserting "section 5302"; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking "mass transportation" and inserting "public transportation"; and

(ii) by striking "section 5302(a)" and inserting "section 5302"; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking "mass transportation" and inserting "public transportation".

TITLE IV—HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

SEC. 4001. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The following sums are authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account):
 - (1) HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS.—For carrying out section 402 of title 23, United States Code-

(A) \$243,500,000 for fiscal year 2016;

- (B) \$252,300,000 for fiscal year 2017; (C) \$261,200,000 for fiscal year 2018;
- (D) \$270,400,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
- (E) \$279,800,000 for fiscal year 2020.
- (2) HIGHWAY SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—For carrying out section 403 of title 23, United States Code—
 - (A) \$137,800,000 for fiscal year 2016; (B) \$140,700,000 for fiscal year 2017;

 - (C) \$143,700,000 for fiscal year 2018;
 - (D) \$146,700,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
 - (E) \$149,800,000 for fiscal year 2020.
- (3) NATIONAL PRIORITY SAFETY PROGRAMS.—For carrying out section 405 of title 23, United States Code—
 (A) \$274,700,000 for fiscal year 2016;

 - (B) \$277,500,000 for fiscal year 2017;

- (C) \$280,200,000 for fiscal year 2018;
- (D) \$283,000,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
- (E) \$285,900,000 for fiscal year 2020.
- (4) NATIONAL DRIVER REGISTER.—For the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to carry out chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code-
 - (A) \$5,100,000 for fiscal year 2016; (B) \$5,200,000 for fiscal year 2017;

 - (C) \$5,300,000 for fiscal year 2018;
 - (D) \$5,400,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
 - (E) \$5,500,000 for fiscal year 2020.
- (5) HIGH-VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.—For carrying out section 404 of title 23, United States Code—
 (A) \$29,300,000 for fiscal year 2016;

 - (B) \$29,500,000 for fiscal year 2017;

 - (C) \$29,900,000 for fiscal year 2018; (D) \$30,200,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
 - (E) \$30,500,000 for fiscal year 2020.
- (6) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—For administrative and related operating expenses of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in carrying out chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, and this title— (A) \$25,832,000 for fiscal year 2016;

 - (B) \$26,072,000 for fiscal year 2017;

 - (C) \$26,329,000 for fiscal year 2018; (D) \$26,608,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
 - (E) \$26,817,000 for fiscal year 2020.
- (b) Prohibition on Other Uses.—Except as otherwise provided in chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, and chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code, the amounts made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) for a program under such chapters-
 - (1) shall only be used to carry out such program; and (2) may not be used by States or local governments for

construction purposes.

- (c) Applicability of Title 23.—Except as otherwise provided in chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, and chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code, amounts made available under subsection (a) for fiscal years 2016 through 2020 shall be available for obligation in the same manner as if such funds were apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code.
- (d) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—Grants awarded under this title shall be carried out in accordance with regulations issued by the

Secretary.

- (e) STATE MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—If a grant awarded under chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, requires a State to share in the cost, the aggregate of all expenditures for highway safety activities made during a fiscal year by the State and its political subdivisions (exclusive of Federal funds) for carrying out the grant (other than planning and administration) shall be available for the purpose of crediting the State during such fiscal year for the non-Federal share of the cost of any other project carried out under chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code (other than planning or administration), without regard to whether such expenditures were made in connection with such project.

 (f) Grant Application and Deadline.—To receive a grant
- under chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, a State shall

submit an application, and the Secretary shall establish a single deadline for such applications to enable the award of grants early in the next fiscal year.

SEC. 4002. HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS.

Section 402 of title 23, United States Code, is amended— (1) in subsection (a)(2)(A)

A) in clause (vi) by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in clause (vii) by inserting "and" after the semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(viii) to increase driver awareness of commercial motor vehicles to prevent crashes and reduce injuries and fatalities;

(2) in subsection (c)(4), by adding at the end the following: (C) SURVEY.—A State in which an automated traffic enforcement system is installed shall expend funds apportioned to that State under this section to conduct a biennial survey that the Secretary shall make publicly available through the Internet Web site of the Department of Transportation that includes-

"(i) a list of automated traffic enforcement systems

in the State;

"(ii) adequate data to measure the transparency, accountability, and safety attributes of each automated traffic enforcement system; and

"(iii) a comparison of each automated traffic

enforcement system with—

"(I) Speed Enforcement Camera Systems Operational Guidelines (DOT HS 810 916, March 2008);

"(II) Red Light Camera Systems Operational Guidelines (FHWA-SA-05-002, January 2005).";

(3) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the following: "(g) RESTRICTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize the appropriation or expenditure of funds for highway construction, maintenance, or design (other than design of safety features of highways to be incorporated into guidelines).";

(4) in subsection (k)-

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (4) through (6), respectively;

(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

"(3) ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Governors Highway Safety Association, shall develop procedures to allow States to submit highway safety plans under this subsection, including any attachments to the plans, in electronic form."; and

(C) in paragraph (6)(A), as so redesignated, by striking

"60 days" and inserting "45 days"; and (5) in subsection (m)(2)(B)—

(A) in clause (vii) by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in clause (viii) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(ix) increase driver awareness of commercial motor vehicles to prevent crashes and reduce injuries and fatalities; and

"(x) support for school-based driver's education classes to improve teen knowledge about-

"(I) safe driving practices; and

"(II) State graduated driving license require-its, including behind-the-wheel training ments, required to meet those requirements.".

SEC. 4003. HIGHWAY SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

Section 403 of title 23, United States Code, is amended— (1) in subsection (h)-

(A) in paragraph (1) by striking "may" and inserting

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the fol-

lowing:

"(2) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall obligate from funds made available to carry out this section for the period covering fiscal years 2017 through 2020 not more than \$21,248,000 to conduct the research described in paragraph (1).

(C) in paragraph (3) by striking "If the Administrator utilizes the authority under paragraph (1), the" and

inserting "The"; and

(D) in paragraph (4) by striking "If the Administrator conducts the research authorized under paragraph (1), the" and inserting "The"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(i) LIMITATION ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL SURVEY DATA.—The Secretary shall establish procedures and guidelines to ensure that any person participating in a program or activity that collects data on drug or alcohol use by drivers of motor vehicles and is carried out under this section is informed that the program or

activity is voluntary.

"(j) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of any project or activity carried out under this section may be not more

than 100 percent.".

SEC. 4004. HIGH-VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 of title 23, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 404. High-visibility enforcement program

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish and administer a program under which not less than 3 campaigns will be carried

out in each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

"(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of each campaign carried out under this section shall be to achieve outcomes related to not less than 1 of the following objectives:

'(1) Reduce alcohol-impaired or drug-impaired operation

of motor vehicles.

"(2) Increase use of seatbelts by occupants of motor vehicles.
"(c) ADVERTISING.—The Secretary may use, or authorize the use of, funds available to carry out this section to pay for the development, production, and use of broadcast and print media advertising and Internet-based outreach in carrying out campaigns under this section. In allocating such funds, consideration shall be given to advertising directed at non-English speaking populations, including those who listen to, read, or watch nontraditional media.

"(d) COORDINATION WITH STATES.—The Secretary shall coordinate with States in carrying out the campaigns under this section, including advertising funded under subsection (c), with consideration given to—
"(1) relying on States to provide law enforcement resources

for the campaigns out of funding made available under sections

402 and 405; and

(2) providing, out of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration resources, most of the means necessary for national advertising and education efforts associated with the campaigns.

"(e) Use of Funds.—Funds made available to carry out this section may be used only for activities described in subsection

"(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

"(1) CAMPAIGN.—The term 'campaign' means a high-visibility traffic safety law enforcement campaign.

"(2) State.—The term 'State' has the meaning given that

term in section 401.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 404 and inserting the following:

"404. High-visibility enforcement program.".

SEC. 4005. NATIONAL PRIORITY SAFETY PROGRAMS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Section 405(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to the requirements of this section, the Secretary shall manage programs to address national priorities for reducing highway deaths and injuries. Funds shall

be allocated according to the following:

"(1) Occupant protection.—In each fiscal year, 13 percent of the funds provided under this section shall be allocated among States that adopt and implement effective occupant protection programs to reduce highway deaths and injuries resulting from individuals riding unrestrained or improperly restrained in motor vehicles (as described in subsection (b)).

"(2) State traffic safety information system improve-MENTS.—In each fiscal year, 14.5 percent of the funds provided under this section shall be allocated among States that meet requirements with respect to State traffic safety information

system improvements (as described in subsection (c)).

"(3) IMPAIRED DRIVING COUNTERMEASURES.—In each fiscal year, 52.5 percent of the funds provided under this section shall be allocated among States that meet requirements with respect to impaired driving countermeasures (as described in subsection (d)).

(4) DISTRACTED DRIVING.—In each fiscal year, 8.5 percent of the funds provided under this section shall be allocated among States that adopt and implement effective laws to reduce

distracted driving (as described in subsection (e)).

"(5) MOTORCYCLIST SAFETY.—In each fiscal year, 1.5 percent of the funds provided under this section shall be allocated among States that implement motorcyclist safety programs (as described in subsection (f)).

"(6) STATE GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING LAWS.—In each fiscal year, 5 percent of the funds provided under this section shall be allocated among States that adopt and implement graduated driver licensing laws (as described in subsection

"(7) NONMOTORIZED SAFETY.—In each fiscal year, 5 percent of the funds provided under this section shall be allocated among States that meet requirements with respect to non-

motorized safety (as described in subsection (h)).

"(8) Transfers.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (7), the Secretary shall reallocate, before the last day of any fiscal year, any amounts remaining available to carry out any of the activities described in subsections (b) through (h) to increase the amount made available under section 402, in order to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, that all such amounts are obligated during such fiscal year.

"(9) Maintenance of effort.-

"(A) CERTIFICATION.—As part of the grant application required in section 402(k)(3)(F), a State receiving a grant in any fiscal year under subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this section shall provide certification that the lead State agency responsible for programs described in any of those subsections is maintaining aggregate expenditures at or above the average level of such expenditures in the 2 fiscal years prior to the date of enactment of the FAST Act.

"(B) WAIVER.—Upon the request of a State, the Secretary may waive or modify the requirements under subparagraph (A) for not more than 1 fiscal year if the Secretary determines that such a waiver would be equitable due to exceptional or uncontrollable circumstances.

"(10) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—A State may provide the funds awarded under this section to a political subdivision of the State or an Indian tribal government.

(b) High Seatbelt Use Rate.—Section 405(b)(4)(B) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking "75 percent" and inserting "100 percent".

(c) Impaired Driving Countermeasures.—Section 405(d) of

title 23, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following: "(4) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.-

"(A) REQUIRED PROGRAMS.—High-range States shall use grant funds for-

"(i) high-visibility enforcement efforts; and

"(ii) any of the activities described in subparagraph

"(I) the activity is described in the statewide plan; and "(II) the Secretary approves the use of funding

for such activity. "(B) AUTHORIZED PROGRAMS.—Medium-range and low-

range States may use grant funds for-

"(i) any of the purposes described in subparagraph

"(ii) hiring a full-time or part-time impaired driving coordinator of the State's activities to address the enforcement and adjudication of laws regarding driving while impaired by alcohol, drugs, or the com-

bination of alcohol and drugs;

"(iii) court support of high-visibility enforcement efforts, training and education of criminal justice professionals (including law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and probation officers) to assist such professionals in handling impaired driving cases, hiring traffic safety resource prosecutors, hiring judicial outreach liaisons, and establishing driving while intoxicated courts:

"(iv) alcohol ignition interlock programs;

"(v) improving blood-alcohol concentration testing

and reporting;

"(vi) paid and earned media in support of highvisibility enforcement efforts, conducting standardized field sobriety training, advanced roadside impaired driving evaluation training, and drug recognition expert training for law enforcement, and equipment and related expenditures used in connection with impaired driving enforcement in accordance with criteria established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration;

"(vii) training on the use of alcohol and drug

screening and brief intervention;

"(viii) training for and implementation of impaired driving assessment programs or other tools designed to increase the probability of identifying the recidivism risk of a person convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs and to determine the most effective mental health or substance abuse treatment or sanction that will reduce such risk;

"(ix) developing impaired driving information sys-

tems; and

"(x) costs associated with a 24-7 sobriety program. "(C) Other programs.—Low-range States may use grant funds for any expenditure designed to reduce impaired driving based on problem identification and may use not more than 50 percent of funds made available under this subsection for any project or activity eligible for funding under section 402. Medium-range and high-range States may use funds for any expenditure designed to reduce impaired driving based on problem identification upon approval by the Secretary.";

(2) in paragraph (6)—
(A) by amending the p

(A) by amending the paragraph heading to read as follows: "ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—";

(B) in subparagraph (A) by amending the subparagraph heading to read as follows: "Grants to states with alcohol-ignition interlock laws.—";

(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (D)

as subparagraphs (C) through (E), respectively;

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (A), the following:

"(B) Grants to states with 24-7 sobriety programs.—The Secretary shall make a separate grant under this subsection to each State that—

"(i) adopts and is enforcing a law that requires all individuals convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or of driving while intoxicated to receive

a restriction on driving privileges; and
"(ii) provides a 24-7 sobriety program.";
(E) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated, by inserting "and subparagraph (B)" after "subparagraph (A)";

(F) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated, by inserting "and subparagraph (B)" after "subparagraph (A)";

(G) by amending subparagraph (E), as redesignated, to read as follows:

"(E) Funding.-

"(i) Funding for grants to states with ALCOHOL-IGNITION INTERLOCK LAWS.—Not more than 12 percent of the amounts made available to carry out this subsection in a fiscal year shall be made available by the Secretary for making grants under subparagraph (A).

"(ii) Funding for grants to states with 24-7 SOBRIETY PROGRAMS.—Not more than 3 percent of the amounts made available to carry out this subsection in a fiscal year shall be made available by the Secretary for making grants under subparagraph (B)."; and

(H) by adding at the end the following:

"(F) Exceptions.—A State alcohol-ignition interlock law under subparagraph (A) may include exceptions for the following circumstances:

"(i) The individual is required to operate an employer's motor vehicle in the course and scope of employment and the business entity that owns the vehicle is not owned or controlled by the individual.

'(ii) The individual is certified by a medical doctor as being unable to provide a deep lung breath sample for analysis by an ignition interlock device.

'(iii) A State-certified ignition interlock provider is not available within 100 miles of the individual's residence."; and

(3) in paragraph (7)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(I) by striking "or a State agency" and inserting "or an agency with jurisdiction"; and (II) by inserting "bond," before "sentence";

(ii) in clause (i) by striking "who plead guilty or" and inserting "who was arrested for, plead guilty to, or"; and

(iii) in clause (ii)(I) by inserting "at a testing loca-

tion" after "per day"; and (B) in subparagraph (D) by striking the second period at the end.

(d) DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANTS.—Section 405(e) of title 23, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(e) DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANTS.

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award a grant under this subsection to any State that includes distracted driving awareness as part of the State's driver's license examination,

and enacts and enforces a law that meets the requirements

set forth in paragraphs (2) and (3).

"(2) Prohibition on texting while driving.—A State law meets the requirements set forth in this paragraph if the law-"(A) prohibits a driver from texting through a personal

wireless communications device while driving;

"(B) makes violation of the law a primary offense; "(C) establishes a minimum fine for a violation of the

law; and "(D) does not provide for an exemption that specifically allows a driver to text through a personal wireless communication device while stopped in traffic.

"(3) Prohibition on youth cell phone use while driving OR STOPPED IN TRAFFIC.—A State law meets the requirements set forth in this paragraph if the law-

"(A) prohibits a driver from using a personal wireless

communications device while driving if the driver is-

"(i) younger than 18 years of age; or

"(ii) in the learner's permit or intermediate license stage set forth in subsection (g)(2)(B);

"(B) makes violation of the law a primary offense; "(C) establishes a minimum fine for a violation of the

law; and

"(D) does not provide for an exemption that specifically allows a driver to text through a personal wireless communication device while stopped in traffic.

"(4) PERMITTED EXCEPTIONS.—A law that meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (2) or (3) may provide exceptions

"(A) a driver who uses a personal wireless communications device to contact emergency services;

"(B) emergency services personnel who use a personal wireless communications device while-

"(i) operating an emergency services vehicle; and

"(ii) engaged in the performance of their duties

as emergency services personnel;

"(C) an individual employed as a commercial motor vehicle driver or a school bus driver who uses a personal wireless communications device within the scope of such individual's employment if such use is permitted under the regulations promulgated pursuant to section 31136 of title 49; and

"(D) any additional exceptions determined by the Secretary through a rulemaking process.

"(5) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.-

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), amounts received by a State under this subsection shall be used-

(i) to educate the public through advertising containing information about the dangers of texting or

using a cell phone while driving;
"(ii) for traffic signs that notify drivers about the

distracted driving law of the State; or

"(iii) for law enforcement costs related to the enforcement of the distracted driving law.

"(B) FLEXIBILITY.-

- "(i) Not more than 50 percent of amounts received by a State under this subsection may be used for any eligible project or activity under section 402.
- "(ii) Not more than 75 percent of amounts received by a State under this subsection may be used for any eligible project or activity under section 402 if the State has conformed its distracted driving data to the most recent Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria published by the Secretary.

"(6) ADDITIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for each of fiscal years 2017 and 2018, the Secretary shall use up to 25 percent of the amounts available for grants under this subsection to award grants to any State that—

"(i) in fiscal year 2017-"(I) certifies that it has enacted a basic text messaging statute that-

"(aa) is applicable to drivers of all ages;

and

"(bb) makes violation of the basic text messaging statute a primary offense or secondary enforcement action as allowed by State statute; and

"(II) is otherwise ineligible for a grant under this subsection; and

'(ii) in fiscal year 2018-

'(I) certifies that it has enacted a basic text messaging statute that-

(aa) is applicable to drivers of all ages;

"(bb) makes violation of the basic text messaging statute a primary offense;

"(II) imposes fines for violations;

"(III) has a statute that prohibits drivers who are younger than 18 years of age from using a personal wireless communications device while driving; and

"(IV) is otherwise ineligible for a grant under

this subsection.

"(B) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (5) and subject to clauses (ii) and (iii) of this subparagraph, amounts received by a State under subparagraph (A) may be used for activities related to the enforcement of distracted driving laws, including for public information and awareness purposes.

(ii) FISCAL YEAR 2017.—In fiscal year 2017, up to 15 percent of the amounts received by a State under subparagraph (A) may be used for any eligible project

or activity under section 402.

"(iii) FISCAL YEAR 2018.—In fiscal year 2018, up to 25 percent of the amounts received by a State under subparagraph (A) may be used for any eligible project or activity under section 402.

"(7) Allocation to support state distracted driving LAWS.—Of the amounts available under this subsection in a fiscal year for distracted driving grants, the Secretary may expend not more than \$5,000,000 for the development and placement of broadcast media to reduce distracted driving of motor vehicles.

"(8) Grant amount.—The allocation of grant funds to a State under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be in proportion to the State's apportionment under section 402 for fiscal

"(9) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the following definitions apply:

"(A) Driving.—The term 'driving'—

"(i) means operating a motor vehicle on a public

road; and

"(ii) does not include operating a motor vehicle when the vehicle has pulled over to the side of, or off, an active roadway and has stopped in a location where it can safely remain stationary.

"(B) Personal wireless communications device.-The term 'personal wireless communications device'-

"(i) means a device through which personal wireless services (as defined in section 332(c)(7)(C)(i) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7)(C)(i)) are transmitted; and

"(ii) does not include a global navigation satellite system receiver used for positioning, emergency

notification, or navigation purposes. "(C) Primary offense.—The term 'primary offense' means an offense for which a law enforcement officer may stop a vehicle solely for the purpose of issuing a citation in the absence of evidence of another offense.

"(D) PUBLIC ROAD.—The term 'public road' has the

meaning given such term in section 402(c).

"(E) TEXTING.—The term 'texting' means reading from or manually entering data into a personal wireless communications device, including doing so for the purpose of SMS texting, emailing, instant messaging, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication.".

(e) Motorcyclist Safety.—Section 405(f) of title 23, United

States Code, is amended-

(1) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following: "(2) GRANT AMOUNT.—The allocation of grant funds to a State under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be in proportion to the State's apportionment under section 402 for fiscal year 2009, except that the amount of a grant awarded to a State for a fiscal year may not exceed 25 percent of the amount apportioned to the State under such section for fiscal

(2) in paragraph (4) by adding at the end the following: "(C) Flexibility.—Not more than 50 percent of grant funds received by a State under this subsection may be used for any eligible project or activity under section 402 if the State is in the lowest 25 percent of all States for motorcycle deaths per 10,000 motorcycle registrations based on the most recent data that conforms with criteria established by the Secretary."; and (3) by adding at the end the following:

"(6) SHARE-THE-ROAD MODEL LANGUAGE.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall update and provide to the States model language, for use in traffic safety education courses, driver's manuals, and other driver training materials, that provides instruction for drivers of motor vehicles on the importance of sharing the road safely with motorcyclists.'

(f) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 405(g) of title 23,

United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A) by striking "21" and inserting "18"; and

(B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows: "(B) LICENSING PROCESS.—A State is in compliance with the 2-stage licensing process described in this subparagraph if the State's driver's license laws include-

"(i) a learner's permit stage that-'(I) is at least 6 months in duration;

"(II) contains a prohibition on the driver using a personal wireless communications device (as defined in subsection (e)) while driving except under an exception permitted under paragraph (4) of that subsection, and makes a violation of the prohibition a primary offense;

"(III) requires applicants to successfully pass a vision and knowledge assessment prior to

receiving a learner's permit;

"(IV) requires that the driver be accompanied and supervised at all times while the driver is operating a motor vehicle by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age or is a State-certified driving instructor;

"(Ŭ) has a requirement that the driver—

"(aa) complete a State-certified driver edu-

cation or training course; or

"(bb) obtain at least 50 hours of behindthe-wheel training, with at least 10 hours at night, with a licensed driver; and

"(VI) remains in effect until the driver—
"(aa) reaches 16 years of age and enters

the intermediate stage; or

"(bb) reaches 18 years of age;

"(ii) an intermediate stage that-

"(I) commences immediately after the expiration of the learner's permit stage and successful completion of a driving skills assessment;

"(II) is at least 6 months in duration;

"(III) prohibits the driver from using a personal wireless communications device (as defined in subsection (e)) while driving except under an exception permitted under paragraph (4) of that subsection, and makes a violation of the prohibition a primary offense;

"(IV) for the first 6 months of the intermediate stage, restricts driving at night between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. when not supervised by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older, excluding transportation to work, school, religious activities, or emergencies;

'(V) prohibits the driver from operating a motor vehicle with more than 1 nonfamilial passenger younger than 21 years of age unless a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age

is in the motor vehicle; and

"(VI) remains in effect until the driver reaches

17 years of age; and

"(iii) learner's permit and intermediate stages that each require, in addition to any other penalties imposed by State law, that the granting of an unrestricted driver's license be automatically delayed for any individual who, during the learner's permit or intermediate stage, is convicted of a driving-related offense during the first 6 months, including-

"(I) driving while intoxicated;

"(II) misrepresentation of the individual's age;

"(III) reckless driving;

"(IV) driving without wearing a seat belt;

"(V) speeding; or

"(VI) any other driving-related offense, as determined by the Secretary."; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: "(6) Special Rule.—Notwithstanding paragraph (5), up to 100 percent of grant funds received by a State under this subsection may be used for any eligible project or activity under section 402, if the State is in the lowest 25 percent of all States for the number of drivers under age 18 involved in fatal crashes in the State per the total number of drivers under age 18 in the State based on the most recent data that conforms with criteria established by the Secretary."

(g) Nonmotorized Safety.—Section 405 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h) NONMOTORIZED SAFETY.-

"(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to the requirements under this subsection, the Secretary shall award grants to States for the purpose of decreasing pedestrian and bicycle fatalities and injuries that result from crashes involving a motor vehicle.

"(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project carried out by a State using amounts from a grant awarded under this subsection may not exceed 80 percent.

"(3) ELIGIBILITY.—A State shall receive a grant under this subsection in a fiscal year if the annual combined pedestrian and bicycle fatalities in the State exceed 15 percent of the total annual crash fatalities in the State, based on the most recently reported final data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System.

"(4) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—Grant funds received by

a State under this subsection may be used for-

"(A) training of law enforcement officials on State laws applicable to pedestrian and bicycle safety;

enforcement mobilizations and campaigns "(B) designed to enforce State traffic laws applicable to pedes-

trian and bicycle safety; and

"(C) public education and awareness programs designed to inform motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists of State traffic laws applicable to pedestrian and bicycle

safety.
"(5) Grant amount.—The allocation of grant funds to a State under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be in proportion to the State's apportionment under section 402 for fiscal year 2009.'

SEC. 4006. TRACKING PROCESS.

Section 412 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by

adding at the end the following:

"(f) TRACKING PROCESS.—The Secretary shall develop a process to identify and mitigate possible systemic issues across States and regional offices by reviewing oversight findings and recommended actions identified in triennial State management reviews.".

SEC. 4007. STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT FUNDING.

Notwithstanding section 153 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary may not provide a grant or any funds to a State, county, town, township, Indian tribe, municipality, or other local government that may be used for any program-

(1) to check helmet usage; or

(2) to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers.

SEC. 4008. MARIJUANA-IMPAIRED DRIVING.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other Federal agencies as appropriate, shall conduct a study on marijuana-impaired driving.

(b) Issues To Be Examined.—In conducting the study, the

Secretary shall examine, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) Methods to detect marijuana-impaired driving, including devices capable of measuring marijuana levels in motor vehicle operators.
- (2) A review of impairment standard research for driving

under the influence of marijuana.

- (3) Methods to differentiate the cause of a driving impairment between alcohol and marijuana.
 - (4) State-based policies on marijuana-impaired driving.(5) The role and extent of marijuana impairment in motor
- vehicle accidents.
- (c) Report.-
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in cooperation with other Federal agencies as appropriate, shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study.
- (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include, at a minimum,

the following:

(A) FINDINGS.—The findings of the Secretary based on the study, including, at a minimum, the following:

(i) An assessment of methodologies and technologies for measuring driver impairment resulting from the use of marijuana, including the use of marijuana in combination with alcohol.

(ii) A description and assessment of the role of marijuana as a causal factor in traffic crashes and the extent of the problem of marijuana-impaired

(iii) A description and assessment of current State

laws relating to marijuana-impaired driving.

(iv) A determination whether an impairment standard for drivers under the influence of marijuana is feasible and could reduce vehicle accidents and save

(B) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The recommendations of the Secretary based on the study, including, at a minimum,

the following:

(i) Effective and efficient methods for training law enforcement personnel, including drug recognition experts, to detect or measure the level of impairment of a motor vehicle operator who is under the influence of marijuana by the use of technology or otherwise.

(ii) If feasible, an impairment standard for driving

under the influence of marijuana.

(iii) Methodologies for increased data collection regarding the prevalence and effects of marijuanaimpaired driving.

(d) MARIJUANA DEFINED.—In this section, the term "marijuana" includes all substances containing tetrahydrocannabinol.

SEC. 4009. INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING.

(a) ADDITIONAL ACTIONS.—The Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in consultation with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, State highway safety offices, and other interested parties, as determined by the Administrator, shall identify and carry out additional actions that should be undertaken by the Administration to assist States in their efforts to increase public awareness of the dangers of drug-impaired driving, including the dangers of driving while under the influence of heroin or prescription opioids.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that describes the additional actions under-

taken by the Administration pursuant to subsection (a).

SEC. 4010. NATIONAL PRIORITY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT ELIGI-BILITY.

Not later than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary awards grants under section 405 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary shall make available on a publicly available Internet Web site of the Department of Transportation-

(1) an identification of—

(A) the States that were awarded grants under such section;

(B) the States that applied and were not awarded grants under such section; and

(C) the States that did not apply for a grant under

such section; and

(2) a list of deficiencies that made a State ineligible for a grant under such section for each State under paragraph (1)(B).

SEC. 4011. DATA COLLECTION.

Section 1906 of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 402 note) is amended-

(1) in subsection (a)(1)

(A) by striking "(A) has enacted" and all that follows ough "(B) is maintaining" and inserting "is through maintaining"; and

(B) by striking "and any passengers";

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following: "(b) Use of Grant Funds.—A grant received by a State under subsection (a) shall be used by the State for the costs of-

(1) collecting and maintaining data on traffic stops; and

"(2) evaluating the results of the data.";

(3) by striking subsection (c) and redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively;

(4) in subsection (c)(2), as so redesignated, by striking "A State" and inserting "On or after October 1, 2015, a State"; and

(5) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—

(A) in the subsection heading by striking "AUTHORIZA-TION OF APPROPRIATIONS" and inserting "FUNDING"; (B) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-

lowing:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—From funds made available under section 403 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary shall set aside \$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2020 to carry out this section."; (C) in paragraph (2)-

- (i) by striking "authorized by" and inserting "made available under"; and
 (ii) by striking "percent," and all that follows
- through the period at the end and inserting "percent.";

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) OTHER USES.—The Secretary may reallocate, before the last day of any fiscal year, amounts remaining available under paragraph (1) to increase the amounts made available to carry out any of other activities authorized under section 403 of title 23, United States Code, in order to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, that all such amounts are obligated during such fiscal year.".

SEC. 4012. STUDY ON THE NATIONAL ROADSIDE SURVEY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE BY DRIVERS.

Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Comptroller General of the United States reviews and reports on the overall value of the National Roadside Survey to researchers and other public safety stakeholders, the differences between a National Roadside Survey site and typical law enforcement checkpoints, and the

effectiveness of the National Roadside Survey methodology at protecting the privacy of the driving public, as requested by the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate on June 5, 2014 (Senate Report 113–182), the Secretary shall report to Congress on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's progress toward reviewing that report and implementing any recommendations made in that report.

SEC. 4013. BARRIERS TO DATA COLLECTION REPORT.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shall submit a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that-

(1) identifies any legal and technical barriers to capturing adequate data on the prevalence of the use of wireless communications devices while driving; and

(2) provides recommendations on how to address such bar-

SEC. 4014. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Title 23, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Section 402 is amended-

(A) in subsection (b)(1)-

(i) in subparagraph (C) by striking "paragraph (3)" and inserting "paragraph (2)"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (E)-

(I) by striking "in which" and inserting "for which"; and

(II) by striking "under subsection (f)" and

inserting "under subsection (k)"; and (B) in subsection (k)(5), as redesignated by this Act, by striking "under paragraph (2)(A)" and inserting "under paragraph (3)(A)".

(2) Section 403(e) is amended by striking "chapter 301"

and inserting "chapter 301 of title 49".

(3) Section 405 is amended-(A) in subsection (d)-

(i) in paragraph (5) by striking "under section 402(c)" and inserting "under section 402"; and (ii) in paragraph (6)(D), as redesignated by this Act, by striking "on the basis of the apportionment formula set forth in section 402(c)" and inserting "in proportion to the State's apportionment under section 402 for fiscal year 2009"; and

(B) in subsection (f)(4)(A)(iv)-

(i) by striking "such as the" and inserting "including"; and

(ii) by striking "developed under subsection (g)".

SEC. 4015. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, except for the technical corrections in section 4014, the amendments made by this Act to sections 164, 402, and 405 of title 23, United States Code, shall be effective on October 1, 2016.

- (ii) reserve components (as defined in section 31305(d)(2) of title 49, United States Code, as added by this Act); and
- (Č) qualified in a Military Occupational Specialty to operate a commercial motor vehicle or similar vehicle.

Subtitle E—General Provisions

SEC. 5501. DELAYS IN GOODS MOVEMENT.

(a) Report.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the average length of time that operators of commercial motor vehicles are delayed before the loading and unloading of such vehicles and at other points in the pick-up and delivery
- (2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall include-
 - (A) an assessment of how delays impact—
 - (i) the economy:
 - (ii) the efficiency of the transportation system;
 - (iii) motor carrier safety, including the extent to which delays result in violations of motor carrier safety regulations; and
 - (iv) the livelihood of motor carrier drivers; and (B) recommendations on how delays could be mitigated.
- (b) COLLECTION OF DATA.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish by regulation a process to collect data on delays experienced by operators of commercial motor vehicles before the loading and unloading of such vehicles and at other points in the pick-up and delivery process.

SEC. 5502. EMERGENCY ROUTE WORKING GROUP.

(a) In General.—

- (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a working group to determine best practices for expeditious State approval of special permits for vehicles involved in emergency response and recovery.
- (2) MEMBERS.—The working group shall include representatives from-
 - (A) State highway transportation departments or agencies;
 - (B) relevant modal agencies within the Department;
 - (C) emergency response or recovery experts;
 - (D) relevant safety groups; and
 - (E) entities affected by special permit restrictions
- during emergency response and recovery efforts.
 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In determining best practices under subsection (a), the working group shall consider whether-

(1) impediments currently exist that prevent expeditious State approval of special permits for vehicles involved in emer-

gency response and recovery:

(2) it is possible to pre-identify and establish emergency routes between States through which infrastructure repair materials could be delivered following a natural disaster or

emergency;

(3) a State could pre-designate an emergency route identified under paragraph (2) as a certified emergency route if a motor vehicle that exceeds the otherwise applicable Federal and State truck length or width limits may safely operate along such route during periods of declared emergency and recovery from such periods; and

(4) an online map could be created to identify each predesignated emergency route under paragraph (3), including information on specific limitations, obligations, and notification

requirements along that route.

(c) REPORT.-

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the working group shall submit to the Secretary a report on its findings under this section and any recommendations for the implementation of best practices for expeditious State approval of special permits for vehicles involved in emergency response and recovery.

(2) Publication.—Not later than 30 days after the date the Secretary receives the report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall publish the report on a publicly accessible Inter-

net Web site of the Department.
(d) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 6 months after the date the Secretary receives the report under subsection (c)(1), the Secretary shall notify the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the actions the Secretary and the States have taken to implement the recommendations included in the report.

(e) TERMINATION.—The working group shall terminate 1 year after the date the Secretary receives the report under subsection

(c)(1).

SEC. 5503. HOUSEHOLD GOODS CONSUMER PROTECTION WORKING GROUP.

(a) WORKING GROUP.—The Secretary shall establish a working group for the purpose of developing recommendations on how to best convey to consumers relevant information with respect to the Federal laws concerning the interstate transportation of household goods by motor carrier.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall ensure that the working group is comprised of individuals with expertise in consumer affairs, educators with expertise in how people learn most effectively, and

representatives of the household goods moving industry.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) CONTENTS.—The recommendations developed by the

working group shall include recommendations on-

(A) condensing publication ESA 03005 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration into a format that is more easily used by consumers;

- (2) the ability of the insurance industry to provide the required amount of insurance;
- (3) the extent to which current minimum levels of financial responsibility adequately cover-

(A) medical care;

(B) compensation; and

(C) other identifiable costs;

- (4) the frequency with which insurance claims exceed current minimum levels of financial responsibility in fatal accidents; and
- (5) the impact of increased levels on motor carrier safety and accident reduction.

(b) Transporting Passengers.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to initiating a rulemaking to change the minimum levels of financial responsibility under section 31138 of title 49, United States Code, the Secretary shall complete a study specific to the minimum financial responsibility requirements for motor carriers of passengers.

(2) STUDY CONTENTS.—A study under paragraph (1) shall

include, to the extent practicable-

(A) a review of accidents, injuries, and fatalities in the over-the-road bus and school bus industries;

(B) a review of insurance held by over-the-road bus and public and private school bus companies, including companies of various sizes, and an analysis of whether such insurance is adequate to cover claims;

(C) an analysis of whether and how insurance affects the behavior and safety record of motor carriers of passengers, including with respect to crash reduction; and (D) an analysis of the anticipated impacts of an

increase in financial responsibility on insurance premiums for passenger carriers and service availability.

(3) CONSULTATION.—In conducting a study under para-

graph (1), the Secretary shall consult with-

(A) representatives of the over-the-road bus and private school bus transportation industries, including representatives of bus drivers; and

B) insurers of motor carriers of passengers.

(4) REPORT.—If the Secretary undertakes a study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study.

SEC. **5510.** SAFETY STUDY REGARDING DOUBLE-DECKER MOTORCOACHES.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with State transportation safety and law enforcement officials, shall conduct a study regarding the safety operations, fire suppression capability, tire loads, and pavement impacts of operating a double-decker motorcoach equipped with a device designed by the motorcoach manufacturer to attach to the rear of the motorcoach for use in transporting passenger baggage.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report containing

the results of the study to-

(1) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

SEC. 5511. GAO REVIEW OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

of the House of Representatives a review of the following:

1) Existing Federal and State rules and guidance, as of the date of the review, concerning school bus transportation of elementary school and secondary school students engaging in home-to-school transport or other transport determined by the Comptroller General to be a routine part of kindergarten through grade 12 education, including regulations and guidance regarding driver training programs, capacity requirements, programs for special needs students, inspection standards, vehicle age requirements, best practices, and public access to inspection results and crash records.

(2) Any correlation between public or private school bus fleet operators whose vehicles are involved in an accident as defined by section 390.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations,

and each of the following:

(A) A failure by those same operators of State or local safety inspections.

(B) The average age or odometer readings of the school

buses in the fleets of such operators.

(C) Violations of Federal laws administered by the Department of Transportation, or of State law equivalents of such laws.

(D) Violations of State or local law relating to illegal

passing of a school bus.

(3) A regulatory framework comparison of public and pri-

vate school bus operations.

(4) Expert recommendations on best practices for safe and reliable school bus transportation, including driver training programs, inspection standards, school bus age and odometer reading maximums for retirement, the percentage of buses in a local bus fleet needed as spare buses, and capacity levels per school bus for different age groups.

SEC. 5512. ACCESS TO NATIONAL DRIVER REGISTER.

Section 30305(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended

by adding at the end the following:

"(13) The Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may request the chief driver licensing official of a State to provide information under subsection (a) of this section about an individual in connection with a safety investigation under the Administrator's jurisdiction.".

SEC. 5513. REPORT ON DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WIRELESS ROADSIDE INSPECTION SYSTEMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of

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SEC. 5518. COVERED FARM VEHICLES.

Section 32934(b)(1) of MAP-21 (49 U.S.C. 31136 note) is amended by striking "from" and all that follows through the period at end and inserting the following: "from—

"(A) a requirement described in subsection (a) or a

compatible State requirement; or

"(B) any other minimum standard provided by a State relating to the operation of that vehicle."

SEC. 5519. OPERATORS OF HI-RAIL VEHICLES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a commercial motor vehicle driver subject to the hours of service requirements in part 395 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, who is driving a hi-rail vehicle, the maximum on duty time under section 395.3 of such title for such driver shall not include time in transportation to or from a duty assignment if such time in transportation-

(1) does not exceed 2 hours per calendar day or a total

of 30 hours per calendar month; and

(2) is fully and accurately accounted for in records to be maintained by the motor carrier and such records are made available upon request of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or the Federal Railroad Administration.

(b) HI-RAIL VEHICLE DEFINED.—In this section, the term "hirail vehicle" means an internal rail flaw detection vehicle equipped

with flange hi-rails.

SEC. 5520. AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTER.

(a) AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTER DEFINED.—Section 31111(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by striking "specifically"; and(2) by adding at the end the following: "An automobile transporter shall not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general freight on a backhaul, so long as it complies with weight limitations for a truck tractor and semitrailer combination.
- (b) Truck Tractor Defined.—Section 31111(a)(3)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "only"; and

- (2) by inserting before the period at the end the following: "or any other commodity, including cargo or general freight on a backhaul"
- (c) Backhaul Defined.—Section 31111(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:
 - (5) BACKHAUL.—The term 'backhaul' means the return trip of a vehicle transporting cargo or general freight, especially when carrying goods back over all or part of the same route.'
- (d) STINGER-STEERED AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTERS.—Section 31111(b)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
 (1) in subparagraph (E) by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (F) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(G) imposes a vehicle length limitation of less than 80 feet on a stinger-steered automobile transporter with a front overhang of less than 4 feet and a rear overhang of less than 6 feet; or".

SEC. 5525. REPORT.

- (a) In General.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report describing the safety and enforcement impacts of sections 5520, 5521, 5522, 5523, 5524, and 7208 of this Act.
- (b) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with States, State law enforcement agencies, entities impacted by the sections described in subsection (a), and other entities the Secretary considers appropriate.

TITLE VI—INNOVATION

SEC. 6001. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Transportation for Tomorrow Act of 2015".

SEC. 6002. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The following amounts are authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account):
 - (1) HIGHWAY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—To carry out section 503(b) of title 23, United States Code, \$125,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.
 - (2) TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM.— To carry out section 503(c) of title 23, United States Code—
 - (A) \$67,000,000 for fiscal year 2016; (B) \$67,500,000 for fiscal year 2017;
 - (C) \$67,500,000 for fiscal year 2018;
 - (D) \$67,500,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
 - (E) \$67,500,000 for fiscal year 2020.
 - (3) TRAINING AND EDUCATION.—To carry out section 504 of title 23, United States Code, \$24,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.
 - (4) Intelligent transportation systems program.—To carry out sections 512 through 518 of title 23, United States Code, \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.
 - (5) University transportation centers program.—To carry out section 5505 of title 49, United States Code—
 (A) \$72,500,000 for fiscal year 2016;

 - (B) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2017;

 - (C) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2018; (D) \$77,500,000 for fiscal year 2019; and
 - (E) \$77,500,000 for fiscal year 2020.
 - (6) BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS.—To carry out chapter 63 of title 49, United States Code, \$26,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.
- (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Federal Highway Administration shall-
 - (1) administer the programs described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a); and
 - (2) in consultation with relevant modal administrations, administer the programs described in subsection (a)(4).

(c) Applicability of Title 23, United States Code.—Funds

authorized to be appropriated by subsection (a) shall-

(1) be available for obligation in the same manner as if those funds were apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, except that the Federal share of the cost of a project or activity carried out using those funds shall be 80 percent, unless otherwise expressly provided by this Act (including the amendments by this Act) or otherwise determined by the Secretary; and

(2) remain available until expended and not be transferable,

except as otherwise provided in this Act.

SEC. 6003. TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

Section 503(c)(3) of title 23, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (C) by striking "2013 through 2014" and inserting "2016 through 2020"; and
(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) PUBLICATION.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than annually, the Secretary shall issue and make available to the public on an Internet website a report on the cost and benefits from deployment of new technology and innovations that substantially and directly resulted from the program established under this para-

"(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The report under clause (i) may include an analysis of—

"(I) Federal, State, and local cost savings; "(II) project delivery time improvements; "(III) reduced fatalities; and

"(IV) congestion impacts.".

SEC. 6004. ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION AND CONGESTION MANAGE-MENT TECHNOLOGIES DEPLOYMENT.

Section 503(c) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4) ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES DEPLOY-

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall establish an advanced transportation and congestion management technologies deployment initiative to provide grants to eligible entities to develop model deployment sites for large scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on invest-

"(B) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall develop criteria for selection of an eligible entity to receive a grant under this paragraph, including how the deployment of technology will-

"(i) reduce costs and improve return on investments, including through the enhanced use of existing transportation capacity;

"(ii) deliver environmental benefits that alleviate

congestion and streamline traffic flow;
"(iii) measure and improve the operational performance of the applicable transportation network;

"(iv) reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes and increase driver, passenger, and pedestrian

"(v) collect, disseminate, and use real-time traffic, transit, parking, and other transportation-related information to improve mobility, reduce congestion, and provide for more efficient and accessible transpor-

"(vi) monitor transportation assets to improve infrastructure management, reduce maintenance costs, prioritize investment decisions, and ensure a state of good repair;

"(vii) deliver economic benefits by reducing delays, improving system performance, and providing for the efficient and reliable movement of goods and services;

"(viii) accelerate the deployment of vehicle-tovehicle, vehicle-to-infrastructure, autonomous vehicles, and other technologies.

"(C) APPLICATIONS.

"(i) REQUEST.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this paragraph, and for every fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall request applications in accordance with clause (ii).

"(ii) CONTENTS.—An application submitted under this subparagraph shall include the following:

"(I) PLAN.—A plan to deploy and provide for the long-term operation and maintenance of advanced transportation and congestion management technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and return on investment.

"(II) OBJECTIVES.—Quantifiable system

performance improvements, such as-

"(aa) reducing traffic-related crashes,

congestion, and costs;

"(bb) optimizing system efficiency; and "(cc) improving access to transportation

services.

"(III) RESULTS.—Quantifiable safety, mobility, and environmental benefit projections such as data-driven estimates of how the project will improve the region's transportation system efficiency and reduce traffic congestion.

"(IV) PARTNERSHIPS.—A plan for partnering with the private sector or public agencies, including multimodal and multijurisdictional entities, research institutions, organizations representing transportation and technology leaders, or other transportation stakeholders.

"(V) LEVERAGING.—A plan to leverage and optimize existing local and regional advanced

transportation technology investments.

"(D) GRANT SELECTION.-

"(i) Grant awards.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this paragraph, and for every fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall award grants to not less than 5 and not more than 10 eligible entities.

"(ii) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—In awarding a grant under this paragraph, the Secretary shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that grant recipients represent diverse geographic areas of the United States, including urban and rural areas

including urban and rural areas.

"(iii) Technology diversity.—In awarding a grant under this paragraph, the Secretary shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that grant recipients rep-

resent diverse technology solutions.

"(E) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—A grant recipient may use funds awarded under this paragraph to deploy advanced transportation and congestion management technologies, including—

"(i) advanced traveler information systems;

"(ii) advanced transportation management technologies;

"(iii) infrastructure maintenance, monitoring, and condition assessment;

"(iv) advanced public transportation systems;

"(v) transportation system performance data collec-

tion, analysis, and dissemination systems;

"(vi) advanced safety systems, including vehicleto-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications, technologies associated with autonomous vehicles, and other collision avoidance technologies, including systems using cellular technology;

including systems using cellular technology;
"(vii) integration of intelligent transportation systems with the Smart Grid and other energy distribu-

tion and charging systems;

"(viii) electronic pricing and payment systems; or "(ix) advanced mobility and access technologies, such as dynamic ridesharing and information systems to support human services for elderly and disabled individuals.

"(F) REPORT TO SECRETARY.—For each eligible entity that receives a grant under this paragraph, not later than 1 year after the entity receives the grant, and each year thereafter, the entity shall submit a report to the Secretary that describes—

"(i) deployment and operational costs of the project compared to the benefits and savings the project pro-

vides; and

"(ii) how the project has met the original expectations projected in the deployment plan submitted with the application, such as—

"(I) data on how the project has helped reduce traffic crashes, congestion, costs, and other benefits

of the deployed systems;

"(II) data on the effect of measuring and improving transportation system performance through the deployment of advanced technologies;

"(III) the effectiveness of providing real-time integrated traffic, transit, and multimodal transportation information to the public to make informed travel decisions; and

"(IV) lessons learned and recommendations for future deployment strategies to optimize transportation efficiency and multimodal system performance.

"(G) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date that the first grant is awarded under this paragraph, and each year thereafter, the Secretary shall make available to the public on an Internet website a report that describes the effectiveness of grant recipients in meeting their projected deployment plans, including data provided under subparagraph (F) on how the program has—

"(i) reduced traffic-related fatalities and injuries;

"(ii) reduced traffic congestion and improved travel

time reliability;

(iii) reduced transportation-related emissions; "(iv) optimized multimodal system performance;

"(v) improved access to transportation alternatives; "(vi) provided the public with access to real-time integrated traffic, transit, and multimodal transpor-

tation information to make informed travel decisions; "(vii) provided cost savings to transportation agen-

cies, businesses, and the traveling public; or

"(viii) provided other benefits to transportation

users and the general public.

"(H) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—The Secretary may cease to provide additional grant funds to a recipient of a grant under this paragraph if-

'(i) the Secretary determines from such recipient's report that the recipient is not carrying out the require-

ments of the grant; and

"(ii) the Secretary provides written notice 60 days prior to withholding funds to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Environment and Public Works and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

"(I) Funding.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—From funds made available to carry out subsection (b), this subsection, and sections 512 through 518, the Secretary shall set aside for grants awarded under subparagraph (D) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

"(ii) Expenses for the secretary.—Of the amounts set aside under clause (i), the Secretary may set aside \$2,000,000 each fiscal year for program reporting, evaluation, and administrative costs related to this paragraph.

"(J) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project for which a grant is awarded under this sub-

section shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the project.

"(K) GRANT LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not award more than 20 percent of the amount described under subparagraph (I) in a fiscal year to a single grant recipient. "(L) Expenses for grant recipients.—A grant

recipient under this paragraph may use not more than

5 percent of the funds awarded each fiscal year to carry out planning and reporting requirements.

'(M) GRANT FLEXIBILITY.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—If, by August 1 of each fiscal year, the Secretary determines that there are not enough grant applications that meet the requirements described in subparagraph (C) to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall transfer to the programs specified in clause (ii)—

"(I) any of the funds reserved for the fiscal year under subparagraph (I) that the Secretary has not yet awarded under this paragraph; and

- "(II) an amount of obligation limitation equal to the amount of funds that the Secretary transfers under subclause (I).
- "(ii) Programs.—The programs referred to in clause (i) are—

"(I) the program under subsection (b);

"(II) the program under this subsection; and "(III) the programs under sections 512 through

518.

"(iii) DISTRIBUTION.—Any transfer of funds and obligation limitation under clause (i) shall be divided among the programs referred to in that clause in the same proportions as the Secretary originally reserved funding from the programs for the fiscal year under subparagraph (I).

"(N) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph, the following

definitions apply:

- "(i) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term 'eligible entity' means a State or local government, a transit agency, metropolitan planning organization representing a population of over 200,000, or other political subdivision of a State or local government or a multijurisdictional group or a consortia of research institutions or academic institutions.
- "(ii) ADVANCED AND CONGESTION MANAGEMENT TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES.—The term 'advanced transportation and congestion management technologies' means technologies that improve the efficiency, safety, or state of good repair of surface transportation systems, including intelligent transportation systems.
- "(iii) MULTIJURISDICTIONAL GROUP.—The term 'multijurisdictional group' means a any combination of State governments, local governments, metropolitan planning agencies, transit agencies, or other political subdivisions of a State for which each member of the group—
 - "(I) has signed a written agreement to implement the advanced transportation technologies deployment initiative across jurisdictional boundaries: and
 - aries; and "(II) is an eligible entity under this paragraph.".

SEC. 6005. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM GOALS.

Section 514(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in paragraph (4) by striking "and" at the end;
(2) in paragraph (5) by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:
"(6) enhancement of the national freight system and support to national freight policy goals.".

SEC. 6006. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PURPOSES.

Section 514(b) of title 23. United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (8) by striking "and" at the end; (2) in paragraph (9) by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(10) to assist in the development of cybersecurity research

in cooperation with relevant modal administrations of the Department of Transportation and other Federal agencies to help prevent hacking, spoofing, and disruption of connected and automated transportation vehicles.".

SEC. 6007. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROGRAM REPORT.

Section 515(h)(4) of title 23, United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)-

(1) by striking "February 1 of each year after the date of enactment of the Transportation Research and Innovative Technology Act of 2012" and inserting "May 1 of each year";

(2) by striking "submit to Congress" and inserting "make available to the public on a Department of Transportation website".

SEC. 6008. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE AND STANDARDS.

Section 517(a)(3) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking "memberships are comprised of, and represent," and inserting "memberships include representatives of".

SEC. 6009. COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS DEPLOYMENT REPORT.

Section 518(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "Not later than 3" and all that follows through "House of Representatives" and inserting "Not later than July 6, 2016, the Secretary shall make available to the public on a Department of Transportation website a report".

SEC. 6010. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

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"Funds made available to carry out this chapter for operational tests of intelligent transportation systems-

'(1) shall be used primarily for the development of intelligent transportation system infrastructure, equipment, and systems; and

- (A) build stakeholder confidence in the final product; and
- (B) lead to the improved implementation of research findings.

(b) Research Planning.—

(1) In General.—Subtitle III of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 63 the following:

"CHAPTER 65—RESEARCH PLANNING

"Sec.

"6501. Annual modal research plans.

"6502. Consolidated research database.

"6503. Transportation research and development 5-year strategic plan.

"SEC. 6501. ANNUAL MODAL RESEARCH PLANS.

"(a) Modal Plans Required.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than May 1 of each year, the head of each modal administration and joint program office of the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation (referred to in this chapter as the 'Assistant Secretary') a comprehensive annual modal research plan for the upcoming fiscal year and a detailed outlook for the following fiscal year.

"(2) RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN.—Each plan submitted under paragraph (1), after the plan required in 2016, shall be consistent with the strategic plan developed under

section 6503. "(b) REVIEW.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 1 of each year, the Assistant Secretary, for each plan and outlook submitted pursuant to subsection (a), shall—

"(A) review the scope of the research; and

"(B)(i) approve the plan and outlook; or

"(ii) request that the plan and outlook be revised and

resubmitted for approval.

"(2) PUBLICATIONS.—Not later than January 30 of each year, the Secretary shall publish on a public website each plan and outlook that has been approved under paragraph (1)(B)(i).

"(3) REJECTION OF DUPLICATIVE RESEARCH EFFORTS.—The Assistant Secretary may not approve any plan submitted by the head of a modal administration or joint program office pursuant to subsection (a) if any of the projects described in the plan duplicate significant aspects of research efforts of any other modal administration.

"(c) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—No funds may be expended by the Department of Transportation on research that has been determined by the Assistant Secretary under subsection (b)(3) to be duplicative unless—

"(1) the research is required by an Act of Congress;

"(2) the research was part of a contract that was funded before the date of enactment of this chapter;

"(3) the research updates previously commissioned research; or

- "(4) the Assistant Secretary certifies to Congress that such research is necessary, and provides justification for such certification.
- "(d) Certification.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall annually certify to Congress that-

"(A) each modal research plan has been reviewed; and "(B) there is no duplication of study for research directed, commissioned, or conducted by the Department of Transportation.

"(2) CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.—If the Secretary, after submitting a certification under paragraph (1), identifies duplication of research within the Department of Transportation, the Secretary shall-

"(A) notify Congress of the duplicative research; and "(B) submit to Congress a corrective action plan to eliminate the duplicative research.

"SEC. 6502. CONSOLIDATED RESEARCH DATABASE.

"(a) Research Abstract Database.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall annually publish on a public website a comprehensive database of all research projects conducted by the Department of Transportation, including, to the extent practicable, research funded through University Transportation Centers.

"(2) CONTENTS.—The database published under paragraph

(1) shall, to the extent practicable-

"(A) include the consolidated modal research plans approved under section 6501(b)(1)(B)(i);

"(B) describe the research objectives, progress, findings, and allocated funds for each research project;

(C) identify research projects with multimodal applica-

"(D) specify how relevant modal administrations have assisted, will contribute to, or plan to use the findings from the research projects identified under paragraph (1);

"(E) identify areas in which more than I modal administration is conducting research on a similar subject or a subject that has a bearing on more than 1 mode;

"(F) indicate how the findings of research are being disseminated to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and safety of transportation systems; and

'(G) describe the public and stakeholder input to the

research plans submitted under section 6501(a)(1).

"(b) FUNDING REPORT.—In conjunction with each of the annual budget requests submitted by the President under section 1105 of title 31, the Secretary shall annually publish on a public website and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that describes-

"(1) the amount spent in the last full fiscal year on transportation research and development with specific descrip-

tions of projects funded at \$5,000,000 or more; and

(2) the amount proposed in the current budget for transportation research and development with specific descriptions of projects funded at \$5,000,000 or more.

of time such projects would likely be completed without Federal credit assistance.

DIVISION B—COMPREHENSIVE TRANS-PORTATION AND CONSUMER PROTEC-TION ACT OF 2015

TITLE XXIV—MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

Subtitle A—Vehicle Safety

SEC. 24101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out chapter 301 of title 49, and part C of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, amounts as follows:
 - (1) \$132,730,000 for fiscal year 2016. (2) \$135,517,330 for fiscal year 2017.

 - (3) \$138,363,194 for fiscal year 2018.

 - (4) \$141,268,821 for fiscal year 2019. (5) \$144,235,466 for fiscal year 2020.
- (b) Additional Authorization of Appropriations if a Cer-TIFICATION IS MADE.-
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a) to carry out chapter 301 of title 49, and part C of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, if the certification described in paragraph (2) is made during a fiscal year there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for that purpose for that fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years an additional amount as follows:

 (A) \$46,270,000 for fiscal year 2016.

 - (B) \$51,537,670 for fiscal year 2017. (C) \$57,296,336 for fiscal year 2018.
 - (D) \$62,999,728 for fiscal year 2019. (E) \$69,837,974 for fiscal year 2020.
 - (2) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification described in this paragraph is a certification made by the Secretary and submitted to Congress that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has implemented all of the recommendations in the Office of Inspector General Audit Report issued June 18, 2015 (ST-2015-063). As part of the certification, the Secretary shall review the actions the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has taken to implement the recommendations and issue a report to Congress detailing how the recommendations were implemented. The Secretary shall not delegate or assign the responsibility under this paragraph.

SEC. 24102. INSPECTOR GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and periodically thereafter until the completion date, the Department of Transportation Inspector General shall report to the appropriate committees of Congress on whether and what progress has been made to implement the recommendations in the Office of Inspector General Audit Report issued June 18, 2015 (ST-2015-063).

(b) IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS.—The Administrator of the

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shall—

(1) not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and periodically thereafter until the completion date, provide a briefing to the appropriate committees of Congress on the actions the Administrator has taken to implement the recommendations in the audit report described in subsection (a), including a plan for implementing any remaining recommendations; and

(2) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, issue a final report to the appropriate committees of Congress on the implementation of all of the recommenda-

tions in the audit report described in subsection (a).

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.
- (2) COMPLETION DATE.—The term "completion date" means the date that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has implemented all of the recommendations in the Office of Inspector General Audit Report issued June 18, 2015 (ST–2015–063).

SEC. 24103. IMPROVEMENTS IN AVAILABILITY OF RECALL INFORMATION.

- (a) Vehicle Recall Information.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall implement current information technology, web design trends, and best practices that will help ensure that motor vehicle safety recall information available to the public on the Federal website is readily accessible and easy to use, including—
 - (1) by improving the organization, availability, readability, and functionality of the website;

(2) by accommodating high-traffic volume; and

(3) by establishing best practices for scheduling routine website maintenance.

(b) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE PUBLIC AWARENESS

REPORT.

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall study the current use by consumers, dealers, and manufacturers of the safety recall information made available to the public, including the usability and content of the Federal and manufacturers' websites and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's efforts to publicize and educate consumers about safety recall information.
- (2) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall issue a report with the findings of the study under paragraph (1), including recommending any actions the Secretary can take to improve public awareness and use of the websites for safety recall information.
- (c) Promotion of Public Awareness.—Section 31301(c) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (49 U.S.C. 30166 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) Promotion of Public Awareness.—The Secretary shall improve public awareness of safety recall information made publicly available by periodically updating the method of conveying that information to consumers, dealers, and manufacturers, such as through public service announcements.".

(d) Consumer Guidance.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall make available to the public on the Internet detailed guidance for consumers

submitting safety complaints, including—

(1) a detailed explanation of what information a consumer

should include in a complaint; and

- (2) a detailed explanation of the possible actions the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration can take to address a complaint and respond to the consumer, including information on—
 - (A) the consumer records, such as photographs and police reports, that could assist with an investigation; and (B) the length of time a consumer should retain the

records described in subparagraph (A).

(e) VIN SEARCH.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordination with industry, including manufacturers and dealers, shall study—

(A) the feasibility of searching multiple vehicle identification numbers at a time to retrieve motor vehicle safety recall information; and

(B) the feasibility of making the search mechanism described under subparagraph (A) publicly available.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider the potential costs, and potential risks to privacy and security in implementing such a search mechanism.

SEC. 24104. RECALL PROCESS.

(a) NOTIFICATION IMPROVEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall prescribe a final rule revising the regulations under section 577.7 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to include notification by electronic means in addition to notification by first class mail.

(2) DEFINITION OF ELECTRONIC MEANS.—In this subsection, the term "electronic means" includes electronic mail and may include such other means of electronic notification, such as social media or targeted online campaigns, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) NOTIFICATION BY MANUFACTURER.—Section 30118(c) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or electronic mail" after "certified mail".

(c) RECALL COMPLETION RATES REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and biennially thereafter for 4 years, the Secretary shall—

(A) conduct an analysis of vehicle safety recall completion rates to assess potential actions by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to improve vehicle safety recall completion rates; and

(B) submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on

Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the results of the analysis.

(2) CONTENTS.—Each report shall include-

(A) the annual recall completion rate by manufacturer, model year, component (such as brakes, fuel systems, and air bags), and vehicle type (passenger car, sport utility vehicle, passenger van, and pick-up truck) for each of the 5 years before the year the report is submitted;

(B) the methods by which the Secretary has conducted analyses of these recall completion rates to determine trends and identify risk factors associated with lower recall

rates; and

(C) the actions the Secretary has planned to improve recall completion rates based on the results of this data analysis.

(d) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT OF VEHICLE RECALLS.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Transportation Inspector General shall conduct an audit of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's management of vehicle safety recalls.

(2) CONTENTS.—The audit shall include a determination of whether the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-

- (A) appropriately monitors recalls to ensure the appropriateness of scope and adequacy of recall completion rates and remedies;
- (B) ensures manufacturers provide safe remedies, at no cost to consumers;
- (C) is capable of coordinating recall remedies and processes; and
- (D) can improve its policy on consumer notice to combat effects of recall fatigue.

SEC. 24105. PILOT GRANT PROGRAM FOR STATE NOTIFICATION TO CONSUMERS OF MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL STATUS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1, 2016, the Secretary shall implement a 2-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of a State process for informing consumers of open motor vehicle recalls at the time of motor vehicle registration in the State.

- (b) Grants.—To carry out this program, the Secretary may make a grant to each eligible State, but not more than 6 eligible States in total, that agrees to comply with the requirements under subsection (c). Funds made available to a State under this section shall be used by the State for the pilot program described in subsection (a).
 - (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant, a State shall— (1) submit an application in such form and manner as the Secretary prescribes;

(2) agree to notify, at the time of registration, each owner or lessee of a motor vehicle presented for registration in the State of any open recall on that vehicle;

(3) provide the open motor vehicle recall information at no cost to each owner or lessee of a motor vehicle presented

for registration in the State; and

(4) provide such other information as the Secretary may require.

(d) AWARDS.—In selecting an applicant for an award under this section, the Secretary shall consider the State's methodology for determining open recalls on a motor vehicle, for informing consumers of the open recalls, and for determining performance.

(e) Performance Period.—Each grant awarded under this

section shall require a 2-year performance period.

(f) Report.—Not later than 90 days after the completion of the performance period under subsection (e), a grantee shall provide to the Secretary a report of performance containing such information as the Secretary considers necessary to evaluate the extent to which open recalls have been remedied.

(g) EVALUATION.—Not later than 180 days after the completion of the pilot program, the Secretary shall evaluate the extent to which open recalls identified have been remedied.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) CONSUMER.—The term "consumer" includes owner and lessee.
- (2) MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term "motor vehicle" has the meaning given the term under section 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.
- (3) OPEN RECALL.—The term "open recall" means a recall for which a notification by a manufacturer has been provided under section 30119 of title 49. United States Code, and that has not been remedied under section 30120 of that title.

 (4) REGISTRATION.—The term "registration" means the process for registering motor vehicles in the State.

(5) STATE.—The term "State" has the meaning given the term under section 101(a) of title 23, United States Code.

SEC. 24106. RECALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER BANKRUPTCY.

Section 30120A of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "chapter 11 of title 11," and inserting "chapter 7 or chapter 11 of title 11".

SEC. 24107. DEALER REQUIREMENT TO CHECK FOR OPEN RECALL.

Section 30120(f) of title 49, United States Code, is amended— (1) by inserting "(1) IN GENERAL. A manufacturer" and indenting appropriately;

(2) in paragraph (1), as redesignated, by striking the period

at the end and inserting the following: "if-

"(A) at the time of providing service for each of the manufacturer's motor vehicles it services, the dealer notifies the owner or the individual requesting the service of any open recall; and

'(B) the notification requirement under subparagraph (A) is specified in a franchise, operating, or other agreement between the dealer and the manufacturer."; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) DEFINITION OF OPEN RECALL.—In this subsection, the term 'open recall' means a recall for which a notification by a manufacturer has been provided under section 30119 and that has not been remedied under this section.".

SEC. 24108. EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR REMEDY OF TIRE DEFECTS.

Section 30120(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "60 days" and inserting "180 days"; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking "60-day" each place it appears and inserting "180-day".

SEC. 24109. RENTAL CAR SAFETY.

(a) Short Title.—This section may be cited as the "Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Car Act of 2015".

(b) Definitions.—Section 30102(a) of title 49, United States

Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (10) and (11) as paragraphs (12) and (13), respectively;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (9) as para-

graphs (2) through (10), respectively;
(3) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redesignated, the

following:

- "(1) covered rental vehicle means a motor vehicle that— "(A) has a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds
- " (\acute{B}) is rented without a driver for an initial term of less than 4 months; and
- "(C) is part of a motor vehicle fleet of 35 or more motor vehicles that are used for rental purposes by a

rental company."; and (4) by inserting after paragraph (10), as redesignated, the

"(11) 'rental company' means a person who—
"(A) is engaged in the business of renting covered

rental vehicles; and

- "(B) uses for rental purposes a motor vehicle fleet of 35 or more covered rental vehicles, on average, during the calendar year.".
- (c) Remedies for Defects and Noncompliance.—Section 30120(i) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
 - (1) in the subsection heading, by adding ", OR RENTAL" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (1)—
(A) by striking "(1) If notification" and inserting the

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If notification";

(B) by indenting subparagraphs (A) and (B) four ems from the left margin;

(C) by inserting "or the manufacturer has provided to a rental company notification about a covered rental vehicle in the company's possession at the time of notification" after "time of notification";

(D) by striking "the dealer may sell or lease," and inserting "the dealer or rental company may sell, lease, or rent"; and

(E) in subparagraph (A), by striking "sale or lease" and inserting "sale, lease, or rental agreement";

(3) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows: "(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to prohibit a dealer or rental company from offering the vehicle or equipment for sale, lease, or rent."; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) SPECIFIC RULES FOR RENTAL COMPANIES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided under this paragraph, a rental company shall comply with the limitations on sale, lease, or rental set forth in subparagraph (C) and paragraph (1) as soon as practicable, but not later than 24 hours after the earliest receipt of the notice to owner under subsection (b) or (c) of section 30118 (including the vehicle identification number for the covered vehicle) by the rental company, whether by electronic means or first class mail.

"(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR LARGE VEHICLE FLEETS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if a rental company receives a notice to owner covering more than 5,000 motor vehicles in its fleet, the rental company shall comply with the limitations on sale, lease, or rental set forth in subparagraph (C) and paragraph (1) as soon as practicable, but not later than 48 hours after the earliest receipt of the notice to owner under subsection (b) or (c) of section 30118 (including the vehicle identification number for the covered vehicle) by the rental company, whether by electronic

means or first class mail.

"(C) Special rule for when remedies not immediately available.—If a notification required under subsection (b) or (c) of section 30118 indicates that the remedy for the defect or noncompliance is not immediately available and specifies actions to temporarily alter the vehicle that eliminate the safety risk posed by the defect or noncompliance, the rental company, after causing the specified actions to be performed, may rent (but may not sell or lease) the motor vehicle. Once the remedy for the rental vehicle becomes available to the rental company, the rental company may not rent the vehicle until the vehicle has been remedied, as provided in subsection (a).

"(D) INAPPLICABILITY TO JUNK AUTOMOBILES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), this subsection does not prohibit a rental company from selling a covered rental vehicle

if such vehicle—

"(i) meets the definition of a junk automobile under section 201 of the Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992 (49 U.S.C. 30501);

"(ii) is retitled as a junk automobile pursuant to

applicable State law; and

"(iii) is reported to the National Motor Vehicle Information System, if required under section 204 of such Act (49 U.S.C. 30504).".

- (d) Making Safety Devices and Elements Inoperative.—Section 30122(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "rental company," after "dealer," each place such term appears.
- (e) Inspections, Investigations, and Records.—Section 30166 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
 - (1) in subsection (c)(2), by striking "or dealer" each place such term appears and inserting "dealer, or rental company"; (2) in subsection (e), by striking "or dealer" each place such term appears and inserting "dealer, or rental company";
 - and
 (3) in subsection (f), by striking "or to owners" and inserting ", rental companies, or other owners".

(f) RESEARCH AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Transportation may conduct a study of—

(1) the effectiveness of the amendments made by this sec-

tion; and

- (2) other activities of rental companies (as defined in section 30102(a)(11) of title 49, United States Code) related to their use and disposition of motor vehicles that are the subject of a notification required under section 30118 of title 49, United States Code. (g) Study.-
- (1) Additional requirement.—Section 32206(b)(2) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Public Law 112–141; 126 Stat. 785) is amended-

(A) in subparagraph (E), by striking "and" at the end; (B) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph

(G); and

- (C) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following: "(F) evaluate the completion of safety recall remedies
- on rental trucks; and".
 (2) REPORT.—Section 32206(c) of such Act is amended— (A) in paragraph (1), by striking "subsection (b)" and inserting "subparagraphs (A) through (E) and (G) of subsection (b)(2)";

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subpara-

graphs (A) and (B), respectively;
(C) by striking "REPORT. Not later" and inserting the following:

"(c) Reports.-

"(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) SAFETY RECALL REMEDY REPORT.—Not later than 1
year after the date of the enactment of the Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Car Act of 2015', the Secretary shall submit a report to the congressional committees set forth in paragraph (1) that contains

"(A) the findings of the study conducted pursuant to

subsection (b)(2)(F); and

"(B) any recommendations for legislation that the Sec-

retary determines to be appropriate."

(h) PUBLIC COMMENTS.—The Secretary shall solicit comments regarding the implementation of this section from members of the public, including rental companies, consumer organizations, automobile manufacturers, and automobile dealers.

(i) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this section or the

amendments made by this section-

(1) may be construed to create or increase any liability, including for loss of use, for a manufacturer as a result of having manufactured or imported a motor vehicle subject to a notification of defect or noncompliance under subsection (b) or (c) of section 30118 of title 49, United States Code; or

(2) shall supersede or otherwise affect the contractual obligations, if any, between such a manufacturer and a rental company (as defined in section 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code).

(j) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary may promulgate rules, as appropriate, to implement this section and the amendments made by this section.

(k) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 24110. INCREASE IN CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY.

(a) Increase in Civil Penalties.—Section 30165(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking "\$5,000" and inserting "\$21,000"; and (B) by striking "\$35,000,000" and inserting "\$105,000,000"; and

(2) in paragraph (3)—

- (A) by striking "\$5,000" and inserting "\$21,000"; and (B) by striking "\$35,000,000" and inserting "\$105,000,000".
- (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) of this section take effect on the date that the Secretary certifies to Congress that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued the final rule required by section 31203(b) of the Moving Ahead for Progress In the 21st Century Act (Public Law 112–141; 126 Stat. 758; 49 U.S.C. 30165 note).
- (c) PUBLICATION OF EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Secretary shall publish notice of the effective date under subsection (b) of this section in the Federal Register.

SEC. 24111. ELECTRONIC ODOMETER DISCLOSURES.

Section 32705(g) of title 49, United States Code, is amended— (1) by inserting "(1)" before "Not later than" and indenting appropriately; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and subject to paragraph (3), a State, without approval from the Secretary under subsection (d), may allow for written disclosures or notices and related matters to be provided electronically if—

"(A) in compliance with—

"(i) the requirements of subchapter 1 of chapter 96 of title 15; or

"(ii) the requirements of a State law under section 7002(a) of title 15; and

``(B) the disclosures or notices otherwise meet the requirements under this section, including appropriate authentication and security measures.

"(3) Paragraph (2) ceases to be effective on the date the regulations under paragraph (1) become effective.".

SEC. 24112. CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NHTSA REPORTS.

Section 30166(o) of title 49, United States Code, is amended— (1) in paragraph (1), by striking "may" and inserting "shall"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) DEADLINE.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Transportation and Consumer Protection Act of 2015, the Secretary shall issue a final rule under paragraph (1).".

SEC. 24113. DIRECT VEHICLE NOTIFICATION OF RECALLS.

(a) RECALL NOTIFICATION REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a report on the feasibility of a technical system that would operate in each new motor vehicle to indicate when the vehicle is subject to an open recall.

(b) DEFINITION OF OPEN RECALL.—In this section the term "open recall" means a recall for which a notification by a manufacturer has been provided under section 30119 of title 49, United States Code, and that has not been remedied under section 30120 of that title.

SEC. 24114. UNATTENDED CHILDREN WARNING.

Section 31504(a) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (49 U.S.C. 30111 note) is amended by striking "may" and inserting "shall".

SEC. 24115. TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM.

(a) Proposed Rule.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish a proposed rule that—

(1) updates the standards pertaining to tire pressure monitoring systems to ensure that a tire pressure monitoring system that is installed in a new motor vehicle after the effective date of such updated standards cannot be overridden, reset, or recalibrated in such a way that the system will no longer detect when the inflation pressure in one or more of the vehicle's tires has fallen to or below a significantly underinflated pressure level; and

(2) does not contain any provision that has the effect of prohibiting the availability of direct or indirect tire pressure monitoring systems that meet the requirements of the standards undated pursuant to paragraph (1)

ards updated pursuant to paragraph (1).

(b) FINAL RULE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, after providing the public with sufficient opportunity for notice and comment on the proposed rule published pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall issue a final rule based on the proposed rule described in subsection (a) that—

(1) allows a manufacturer to install a tire pressure monitoring system that can be reset or recalibrated to accommo-

date-

(A) the repositioning of tire sensor locations on vehicles with split inflation pressure recommendations;

(B) tire rotation; or

(C) replacement tires or wheels of a different size than

the original equipment tires or wheels; and

(2) to address the accommodations described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (1), ensures that a tire pressure monitoring system that is reset or recalibrated according to the manufacturer's instructions would illuminate the low tire pressure warning telltale when a tire is significantly underinflated until the tire is no longer significantly underinflated.

(c) SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERINFLATED PRESSURE LEVEL DEFINED.—In this section, the term "significantly underinflated pressure level" means a pressure level that is—

(1) below the level at which the low tire pressure warning telltale must illuminate, consistent with the TPMS detection requirements contained in S4.2(a) of section 571.138 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, or any corresponding similar or successor regulation or ruling (as determined by the Secretary); and

(2) in the case of a replacement wheel or tire, below the recommended cold inflation pressure of the wheel or tire manu-

SEC. 24116. INFORMATION REGARDING COMPONENTS INVOLVED IN RECALL.

Section 30119 of title 49, United States Code, is amended

by adding at the end the following:

"(g) Information Regarding Components Involved in RECALL.—A manufacturer that is required to furnish a report under section 573.6 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation) for a defect or noncompliance in a motor vehicle or in an item of original or replacement equipment shall, if such defect or noncompliance involves a specific component or components, include in such report, with respect to such component or components, the following information:

f(1) The name of the component or components.

"(2) A description of the component or components. "(3) The part number of the component or components,

if any.".

Subtitle B—Research And Development And Vehicle Electronics

SEC. 24201. REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL FOR VEHICLE ELECTRONICS, VEHICLE SOFTWARE, AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report regarding the operations of the Council for Vehicle Electronics, Vehicle Software, and Emerging Technologies established under section 31401 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (49 U.S.C. 105 note). The report shall include information about the accomplishments of the Council, the role of the Council in integrating and aggregating electronic and emerging technologies expertise across the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the role of the Council in coordinating with other Federal agencies, and the priorities of the Council over the next 5 years.

SEC. 24202. COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

(a) TITLE 49 AMENDMENT.—Section 30182(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended-

(1) in paragraph (4), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and
(3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

"(6) in coordination with Department of State, enter into cooperative agreements and collaborative research and development agreements with foreign governments.".

(b) TITLE 23 AMENDMENT.—Section 403 of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by inserting "foreign government (in coordination with the Department of State)" after "institu-

tion,"; and

(2) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by inserting "foreign governments," after "local governments,".

(c) AUDIT.—The Department of Transportation Inspector Gendral Control of the Socretary of Transportation's eral shall conduct an audit of the Secretary of Transportation's management and oversight of cooperative agreements and collaborative research and development agreements, including any cooperative agreements between the Secretary of Transportation and foreign governments under section 30182(b)(6) of title 49, United States Code, and subsections (b)(2)(C) and (c)(1)(A) of title 23, United States Code.

Subtitle C—Miscellaneous Provisions PART I—DRIVER PRIVACY ACT OF 2015

SEC. 24301. SHORT TITLE.

This part may be cited as the "Driver Privacy Act of 2015". SEC. 24302. LIMITATIONS ON DATA RETRIEVAL FROM VEHICLE EVENT DATA RECORDERS.

(a) OWNERSHIP OF DATA.—Any data retained by an event data recorder (as defined in section 563.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations), regardless of when the motor vehicle in which it is installed was manufactured, is the property of the owner, or, in the case of a leased vehicle, the lessee of the motor vehicle in which the event data recorder is installed.

(b) Privacy.—Data recorded or transmitted by an event data recorder described in subsection (a) may not be accessed by a person other than an owner or a lessee of the motor vehicle in

which the event data recorder is installed unless-

(1) a court or other judicial or administrative authority having jurisdiction-

(A) authorizes the retrieval of the data; and

(B) to the extent that there is retrieved data, the data is subject to the standards for admission into evidence required by that court or other administrative authority;

- (2) an owner or a lessee of the motor vehicle provides written, electronic, or recorded audio consent to the retrieval of the data for any purpose, including the purpose of diagnosing, servicing, or repairing the motor vehicle, or by agreeing to a subscription that describes how data will be retrieved and used;
- (3) the data is retrieved pursuant to an investigation or inspection authorized under section 1131(a) or 30166 of title 49, United States Code, and the personally identifiable information of an owner or a lessee of the vehicle and the vehicle identification number is not disclosed in connection with the retrieved data, except that the vehicle identification number may be disclosed to the certifying manufacturer;

(4) the data is retrieved for the purpose of determining the need for, or facilitating, emergency medical response in

response to a motor vehicle crash; or

(5) the data is retrieved for traffic safety research, and the personally identifiable information of an owner or a lessee of the vehicle and the vehicle identification number is not disclosed in connection with the retrieved data.

SEC. 24303. VEHICLE EVENT DATA RECORDER STUDY.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shall submit to Congress a report that contains the results of a study conducted by the Administrator to determine the amount of time event data recorders installed in passenger motor vehicles should capture and record for retrieval vehicle-related data in conjunction with an event in order to provide sufficient information to investigate the cause of motor vehicle
- (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 2 years after submitting the report required under subsection (a), the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shall promulgate regulations to establish the appropriate period during which event data recorders installed in passenger motor vehicles may capture and record for retrieval vehicle-related data to the time necessary to provide accident investigators with vehicle-related information pertinent to crashes involving such motor vehicles.

PART II—SAFETY THROUGH INFORMED **CONSUMERS ACT OF 2015**

SEC. 24321. SHORT TITLE.

This part may be cited as the "Safety Through Informed Consumers Act of 2015".

SEC. 24322. PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION.

Section 32302 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

"(c) CRASH AVOIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Safety Through Informed Consumers Act of 2015, the Secretary shall promulgate a rule to ensure that crash avoidance information is indicated next to crashworthiness information on stickers placed on motor vehicles by their manufacturers.".

PART III—TIRE EFFICIENCY, SAFETY, AND **REGISTRATION ACT OF 2015**

SEC. 24331. SHORT TITLE.

This part may be cited as the "Tire Efficiency, Safety, and Registration Act of 2015" or the "TESR Act".

SEC. 24332. TIRE FUEL EFFICIENCY MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STAND-ARDS.

Section 32304A of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in the section heading, by inserting "AND STAND-ARDS" after "CONSUMER TIRE INFORMATION";

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the heading, by striking "Rulemaking" and inserting "Consumer Tire Information"; and
(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting "(referred to in this section as the "Secretary")" of the "Country of Tourism (1). section as the 'Secretary')" after "Secretary of Transpor-

tation"; (3) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e) as sub-

sections (e) though (h), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

"(b) Promulgation of Regulations for Tire Fuel Effi-CIENCY MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.-

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of Energy and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall promulgate regulations for tire fuel efficiency minimum performance standards for-

(A) passenger car tires with a maximum speed capability equal to or less than 149 miles per hour or 240

kilometers per hour; and

"(B) passenger car tires with a maximum speed capability greater than 149 miles per hour or 240 kilometers per hour.

(2) Tire fuel efficiency minimum performance stand-

ARDS.-

"(A) STANDARD BASIS AND TEST PROCEDURES.—The minimum performance standards promulgated under paragraph (1) shall be expressed in terms of the rolling resistance coefficient measured using the test procedure specified in section 575.106 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

(B) NO DISPARATE EFFECT ON HIGH PERFORMANCE TIRES.—The Secretary shall ensure that the minimum performance standards promulgated under paragraph (1) will not have a disproportionate effect on passenger car high performance tires with a maximum speed capability greater than 149 miles per hour or 240 kilometers per

hour.

"(C) APPLICABILITY.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—This subsection applies to new

pneumatic tires for use on passenger cars.

"(ii) Exceptions.—This subsection does not apply to light truck tires, deep tread tires, winter-type snow tires, space-saver or temporary use spare tires, or tires with nominal rim diameters of 12 inches or less.

"(c) Promulgation of Regulations for Tire Wet Traction

MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.-

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations for tire wet traction minimum performance standards to ensure that passenger tire wet traction capability is not reduced to achieve improved tire fuel efficiency.

"(2) Tire wet traction minimum performance stand-

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expressed in terms of peak coefficient of friction.

"(B) Test procedures.—Any test procedure promulgated under this subsection shall be consistent with any test procedure promulgated under subsection (a).

"(C) BENCHMARKING.—The Secretary shall conduct testing to benchmark the wet traction performance of tire models available for sale in the United States as of the date of enactment of this Act to ensure that the minimum performance standards promulgated under paragraph (1) are tailored to—

"(i) tires sold in the United States; and

"(ii) the needs of consumers in the United States. "(D) Applicability.—

"(i) In General.—This subsection applies to new

pneumatic tires for use on passenger cars.

"(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—This subsection does not apply to light truck tires, deep tread tires, winter-type snow tires, space-saver or temporary use spare tires, or tires with nominal rim diameters of 12 inches or less.

"(d) COORDINATION AMONG REGULATIONS.—

"(1) COMPATIBILITY.—The Secretary shall ensure that the test procedures and requirements promulgated under subsections (a), (b), and (c) are compatible and consistent.

"(2) COMBINED EFFECT OF RULES.—The Secretary shall evaluate the regulations promulgated under subsections (b) and (c) to ensure that compliance with the minimum performance standards promulgated under subsection (b) will not diminish wet traction performance of affected tires.

diminish wet traction performance of affected tires. "(3) RULEMAKING DEADLINES.—The Secretary shall promul-

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"(A) the regulations under subsections (b) and (c) not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this Act; and

"(B) the regulations under subsection (c) not later than the date of promulgation of the regulations under subsection (b).".

SEC. 24333. TIRE REGISTRATION BY INDEPENDENT SELLERS.

Paragraph (3) of section 30117(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(3) RULEMAKING.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall initiate a rule-making to require a distributor or dealer of tires that is not owned or controlled by a manufacturer of tires to maintain records of—

"(i) the name and address of tire purchasers and lessors;

"(ii) information identifying the tire that was purchased or leased; and

"(iii) any additional records the Secretary considers

appropriate.

"(B) ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION.—The rulemaking carried out under subparagraph (A) shall require a distributor or dealer of tires that is not owned or controlled by a manufacturer of tires to electronically transmit the records described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subparagraph (A) to the manufacturer of the tires or the designee of the manufacturer by secure means at no cost to tire purchasers or lessors.

"(C) Satisfaction of requirements.—A regulation promulgated under subparagraph (A) may be considered to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (2)(B).".

SEC. 24334. TIRE IDENTIFICATION STUDY AND REPORT

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study to examine the feasibility of requiring all manufacturers of tires subject to section 30117(b) of title 49, United States Code, to—

(1) include electronic identification on every tire that reflects all of the information currently required in the tire

identification number; and

(2) ensure that the same type and format of electronic

information technology is used on all tires.

(b) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the results of the study required by paragraph

SEC. 24335. TIRE RECALL DATABASE.

(a) In General.—The Secretary shall establish a publicly available and searchable electronic database of tire recall information ${\bf r}$ that is reported to the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

(b) TIRE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.—The database established under subsection (a) shall be searchable by Tire Identification Number (TIN) and any other criteria that assists consumers in

determining whether a tire is subject to a recall.

PART IV—ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

SEC. 24341. REGULATORY PARITY FOR NATURAL GAS VEHICLES.

The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall revise the regulations issued in sections 600.510-12(c)(2)(vi) and 600.510-12(c)(2) (vii)(A) of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, to replace references to the year "2019" with the year "2016".

PART V—MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY WHISTLEBLOWER ACT

SEC. 24351. SHORT TITLE.

This part may be cited as the "Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act".

SEC. 24352. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY WHISTLEBLOWER INCENTIVES AND PROTECTIONS.

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

"§ 30172. Whistleblower incentives and protections

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) COVERED ACTION.—The term 'covered action' means any administrative or judicial action, including any related administrative or judicial action, brought by the Secretary or the Attorney General under this chapter that in the aggregate results in monetary sanctions exceeding \$1,000,000.

"(2) MONETARY SANCTIONS.—The term 'monetary sanctions' means monies, including penalties and interest, ordered or agreed to be paid.

'(3) ORIGINAL INFORMATION.—The term 'original informa-

tion' means information that-

"(A) is derived from the independent knowledge or

analysis of an individual;

"(B) is not known to the Secretary from any other source, unless the individual is the original source of the

information; and

- "(C) is not exclusively derived from an allegation made in a judicial or an administrative action, in a governmental report, a hearing, an audit, or an investigation, or from the news media, unless the individual is a source of the information.
- "(4) Part supplier.—The term 'part supplier' means a manufacturer of motor vehicle equipment.

"(5) Successful resolution.—The term 'successful resolution', with respect to a covered action, includes any settlement

or adjudication of the covered action.

- (6) WHISTLEBLOWER.—The term 'whistleblower' means any employee or contractor of a motor vehicle manufacturer, part supplier, or dealership who voluntarily provides to the Secretary original information relating to any motor vehicle defect, noncompliance, or any violation or alleged violation of any notification or reporting requirement of this chapter, which is likely to cause unreasonable risk of death or serious physical injury.
 "(b) AWARDS.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—If the original information that a whistleblower provided to the Secretary leads to the successful resolution of a covered action, the Secretary, subject to subsection (c), may pay an award or awards to one or more whistleblowers in an aggregate amount of—

 "(A) not less than 10 percent, in total, of collected

monetary sanctions; and

"(B) not more than 30 percent, in total, of collected

monetary sanctions.

- "(2) PAYMENT OF AWARDS.—Any amount payable under paragraph (1) shall be paid from the monetary sanctions collected, and any monetary sanctions so collected shall be available for such payment.
- "(c) DETERMINATION OF AWARDS; DENIAL OF AWARDS.—

(1) DETERMINATION OF AWARDS.-

- "(A) DISCRETION.—The determination of whether, to whom, or in what amount to make an award shall be in the discretion of the Secretary subject to the provisions in subsection (b)(1).
- "(B) CRITERIA.—In determining an award made under subsection (b), the Secretary shall take into consideration—
 - "(i) if appropriate, whether a whistleblower reported or attempted to report the information internally to an applicable motor vehicle manufacturer, part supplier, or dealership;

(ii) the significance of the original information provided by the whistleblower to the successful resolu-

tion of the covered action;

"(iii) the degree of assistance provided by the whistleblower and any legal representative of the whistleblower in the covered action; and

"(iv) such additional factors as the Secretary con-

siders relevant.

"(2) DENIAL OF AWARDS.—No award under subsection (b) shall be made-

(A) to any whistleblower who is convicted of a criminal violation related to the covered action for which the whistleblower otherwise could receive an award under this section;

"(B) to any whistleblower who, acting without direction from an applicable motor vehicle manufacturer, part supplier, or dealership, or agent thereof, deliberately causes or substantially contributes to the alleged violation of a requirement of this chapter;

"(C) to any whistleblower who submits information to the Secretary that is based on the facts underlying the covered action submitted previously by another whistle-

blower;
"(D) to any whistleblower who fails to provide the original information to the Secretary in such form as the

Secretary may require by regulation; or

'(E) if the applicable motor vehicle manufacturer, parts supplier, or dealership has an internal reporting mechanism in place to protect employees from retaliation, to any whistleblower who fails to report or attempt to report the information internally through such mechanism, unless-

"(i) the whistleblower reasonably believed that such an internal report would have resulted in retaliation, notwithstanding section 30171(a);

'(ii) the whistleblower reasonably believed that the

information-

(I) was already internally reported;

"(II) was already subject to or part of an

internal inquiry or investigation; or

"(III) was otherwise already known to the motor vehicle manufacturer, part supplier, or dealership; or

"(iii) the Secretary has good cause to waive this

requirement.

"(d) Representation.—A whistleblower may be represented

by counsel.

(e) NO CONTRACT NECESSARY.—No contract with the Secretary is necessary for any whistleblower to receive an award under subsection (b).

"(f) Protection of Whistleblowers; Confidentiality.

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 30167, and except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this subsection, the Secretary, and any officer or employee of the Department of Transportation, shall not disclose any information, including information provided by a whistleblower to the Secretary, which could reasonably be expected to reveal the identity of a whistleblower, except in accordance with the provisions of section 552a of title 5, unless-

"(A) required to be disclosed to a defendant or respondent in connection with a public proceeding instituted by the Secretary or any entity described in paragraph(5);

"(B) the whistleblower provides prior written consent

for the information to be disclosed; or

"(C) the Secretary, or other officer or employee of the Department of Transportation, receives the information through another source, such as during an inspection or investigation under section 30166, and has authority under other law to release the information.

"(2) REDACTION.—The Secretary, and any officer or employee of the Department of Transportation, shall take reasonable measures to not reveal the identity of the whistleblower when disclosing any information under paragraph (1).

"(3) Section 552(B)(3)(B).—For purposes of section 552 of title 5, paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of that section.

- "(4) Effect.—Nothing in this subsection is intended to limit the ability of the Attorney General to present such evidence to a grand jury or to share such evidence with potential witnesses or defendants in the course of an ongoing criminal investigation.
 - "(5) AVAILABILITY TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.—
 - "(A) IN GENERAL.—Without the loss of its status as confidential in the hands of the Secretary, all information referred to in paragraph (1) may, in the discretion of the Secretary, when determined by the Secretary to be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this chapter and in accordance with subparagraph (B), be made available to the following:

"(i) The Department of Justice.

"(ii) An appropriate department or agency of the Federal Government, acting within the scope of its jurisdiction.

"(B) MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION.—Each entity described in subparagraph (A) shall maintain information described in that subparagraph as confidential, in accord-

ance with the requirements in paragraph (1).

"(g) Provision of False Information.—A whistleblower who knowingly and intentionally makes any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or who makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, shall not be entitled to an award under this section and shall be subject to prosecution under section 1001 of title 18.

"(h) Appeals.-

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any determination made under this section, including whether, to whom, or in what amount to make

an award, shall be in the discretion of the Secretary.

"(2) APPEALS.—Any determination made by the Secretary under this section may be appealed by a whistleblower to the appropriate court of appeals of the United States not later than 30 days after the determination is issued by the Secretary.

(3) REVIEW.—The court shall review the determination made by the Secretary in accordance with section 706 of title

- "(i) REGULATION.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations on the requirements of this section, consistent with this section.'
 - (b) Rule of Construction.—
 - (1) Original information.—Information submitted to the Secretary of Transportation by a whistleblower in accordance with the requirements of section 30172 of title 49, United States Code, shall not lose its status as original information solely because the whistleblower submitted the information prior to the effective date of the regulations issued under subsection (i) of that section if that information was submitted after the date of enactment of this Act.
 - (2) AWARDS.—A whistleblower may receive an award under section 30172 of title 49, United States Code, regardless of whether the violation underlying the covered action occurred prior to the date of enactment of this Act, and may receive an award prior to the Secretary of Transportation promulgating the regulations under subsection (i) of that section.
- (c) Conforming Amendments.—The table of contents of subchapter IV of chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"30172. Whistleblower incentives and protections.".

Subtitle D—Additional Motor Vehicle **Provisions**

SEC. 24401. REQUIRED REPORTING OF NHTSA AGENDA.

Not later than December 1 of the year beginning after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shall publish on the public website of the Administration, and file with the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate an annual plan for the following calendar year detailing the Administration's projected activities, including—

(1) the Administrator's policy priorities;

- (2) any rulemakings projected to be commenced;(3) any plans to develop guidelines;
- (4) any plans to restructure the Administration or to establish or alter working groups;
- (5) any planned projects or initiatives of the Administration, including the working groups and advisory committees of the Administration; and
- (6) any projected dates or timetables associated with any of the items described in paragraphs (1) through (5).

SEC. 24402. APPLICATION OF REMEDIES FOR DEFECTS AND NON-COMPLIANCE.

Section 30120(g)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "10 calendar years" and inserting "15 calendar years".

SEC. 24403. RETENTION OF SAFETY RECORDS BY MANUFACTURERS.

(a) RULE.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue a

final rule pursuant to section 30117 of title 49, United States Code, requiring each manufacturer of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment to retain all motor vehicle safety records required to be maintained by manufacturers under section 576.6 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, for a period of not less than 10 calendar years from the date on which they were generated or acquired by the manufacturer.

(b) APPLICATION.—The rule required by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any record described in such subsection that is in the possession of a manufacturer on the effective date of

such rule.

SEC. 24404. NONAPPLICATION OF PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO NON-COMPLYING MOTOR VEHICLES TO VEHICLES USED FOR TESTING OR EVALUATION.

Section 30112(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended— (1) in paragraph (8), by striking "; or" and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at the end

and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph: "(10) the introduction of a motor vehicle in interstate commerce solely for purposes of testing or evaluation by a manufacturer that agrees not to sell or offer for sale the motor vehicle at the conclusion of the testing or evaluation and that prior to the date of enactment of this paragraph—

"(A) has manufactured and distributed motor vehicles

into the United States that are certified to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards;

(B) has submitted to the Secretary appropriate manufacturer identification information under part 566 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations; and

"(C) if applicable, has identified an agent for service of process in accordance with part 551 of such title.".

SEC. 24405. TREATMENT OF LOW-VOLUME MANUFACTURERS.

(a) Exemption From Vehicle Safety Standards for Low-VOLUME MANUFACTURERS.—Section 30114 of title 49, United States Code, is amended-

(1) by striking "The" and inserting "(A) VEHICLES USED

FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSES. The"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection: "(b) EXEMPTION FOR LOW-VOLUME MANUFACTURERS.-

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—
"(A) exempt from section 30112(a) of this title not more than 325 replica motor vehicles per year that are manufactured or imported by a low-volume manufacturer;

"(B) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, limit any such exemption to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards applicable to motor vehicles and not motor vehicle equipment.

"(2) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.—To qualify for an exemption under paragraph (1), a low-volume manufacturer shall register with the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and under such terms that the Secretary determines appropriate. The Secretary shall establish terms that ensure that no person may register as a low-volume manufacturer if the

person is registered as an importer under section 30141 of this title.

"(3) PERMANENT LABEL REQUIREMENT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require a low-volume manufacturer to affix a permanent label to a motor vehicle exempted under paragraph (1) that identifies the specified standards and regulations for which such vehicle is exempt from section 30112(a), states that the vehicle is a replica, and designates the model year such vehicle replicates.

"(B) Written notice.—The Secretary may require a low-volume manufacturer of a motor vehicle exempted under paragraph (1) to deliver written notice of the exemption to—

"(i) the dealer; and

"(ii) the first purchaser of the motor vehicle, if the first purchaser is not an individual that purchases the motor vehicle for resale.

"(C) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—A low-volume manufacturer shall annually submit a report to the Secretary including the number and description of the motor vehicles exempted under paragraph (1) and a list of the exemptions described on the label affixed under subparagraph (A).

"(4) EFFECT ON OTHER PROVISIONS.—Any motor vehicle exempted under this subsection shall also be exempted from sections 32304, 32502, and 32902 of this title and from section 3 of the Automobile Information Disclosure Act (15 U.S.C. 1232).

"(5) LIMITATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary shall have 90 days to review and approve or deny a registration submitted under paragraph (2). If the Secretary determines that any such registration submitted is incomplete, the Secretary shall have an additional 30 days for review. Any registration not approved or denied within 90 days after initial submission, or 120 days if the registration submitted is incomplete, shall be deemed approved. The Secretary shall have the authority to revoke an existing registration based on a failure to comply with requirements set forth in this subsection or a finding by the Secretary of a safety-related defect or unlawful conduct under this chapter that poses a significant safety risk. The registrant shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to correct all deficiencies, if such are correctable based on the sole discretion of the Secretary. An exemption granted by the Secretary to a low-volume manufacturer under this subsection may not be transferred to any other person, and shall expire at the end of the calendar year for which it was granted with respect to any volume authorized by the exemption that was not applied by the low-volume manufacturer to vehicles built during that calendar year. The Secretary shall maintain an up-to-date list of registrants and a list of the make and model of motor vehicles exempted under paragraph (1) on at least an annual basis and publish such list in the Federal Register or on a website operated by the Secretary.

"(6) LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR ORIGINAL MANUFACTURERS, LICENSORS OR OWNERS OF PRODUCT CONFIGURATION, TRADE DRESS, OR DESIGN PATENTS.—The original manufacturer, its successor or assignee, or current owner, who grants a license

or otherwise transfers rights to a low-volume manufacturer shall incur no liability to any person or entity under Federal or State statute, regulation, local ordinance, or under any Federal or State common law for such license or assignment to a low-volume manufacturer.

"(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

"(A) LOW-VOLUME MANUFACTURER.—The term 'low-volume manufacturer' means a motor vehicle manufacturer, other than a person who is registered as an importer under section 30141 of this title, whose annual worldwide production, including by a parent or subsidiary of the manufacturer, if applicable, is not more than 5,000 motor vehicles.

"(B) REPLICA MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term 'replica motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle produced by a low-volume

manufacturer and that—

"(i) is intended to resemble the body of another motor vehicle that was manufactured not less than 25 years before the manufacture of the replica motor vehicle; and

"(ii) is manufactured under a license for the product configuration, trade dress, trademark, or patent, for the motor vehicle that is intended to be replicated from the original manufacturer, its successors or assignees, or current owner of such product configuration, trade dress, trademark, or patent rights.

"(8) CONSTRUCTION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (1) and (4), a registrant shall be considered a motor vehicle manufacturer for purposes of parts A and C of subtitle VI of this title. Nothing shall be construed to exempt a registrant from complying with the requirements under sections 30116 through 30120A of this title if the motor vehicle excepted under paragraph (1) contains a defect related to motor vehicle safety.

"(9) STATE REGISTRATION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to preempt, affect, or supersede any State titling or registration law or regulation for a replica motor vehicle, or exempt a person from complying with such law or regulation."

(b) Vehicle Emission Compliance Standards for Low-volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers.—Section 206(a) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7525(a)) is amended by adding at the

end the following new paragraph:

"(5)(A) A motor vehicle engine (including all engine emission controls) may be installed in an exempted specially produced motor vehicle if the motor vehicle engine is from a motor vehicle that is covered by a certificate of conformity issued by the Administrator for the model year in which the exempted specially produced motor vehicle is produced, or the motor vehicle engine is covered by an Executive order subject to regulations promulgated by the California Air Resources Board for the model year in which the exempted specially produced motor vehicle is produced, and—

"(i) the manufacturer of the engine supplies written instructions to the Administrator and the manufacturer of the exempted specially produced motor vehicle explaining how to install the engine and maintain functionality of the engine's emission control system and the on-board diagnostic system (commonly known as 'OBD'), except with respect to evaporative emissions;

"(ii) the manufacturer of the exempted specially produced motor vehicle installs the engine in accordance with such instructions and certifies such installa-

tion in accordance with subparagraph (E);

"(iii) the installation instructions include emission control warranty information from the engine manufacturer in compliance with section 207, including where warranty repairs can be made, emission control labels to be affixed to the vehicle, and the certificate of conformity number for the applicable vehicle in which the engine was originally intended or the applicable Executive order number for the engine; and

"(iv) the manufacturer of the exempted specially produced motor vehicle does not produce more than 325 such vehicles in the calendar year in which the

vehicle is produced.

"(B) A motor vehicle containing an engine compliant with the requirements of subparagraph (A) shall be treated as meeting the requirements of section 202 applicable to new vehicles produced or imported in the model year in which the exempted specially produced motor vehicle is produced or imported.

"(C) Engine installations that are not performed in accordance with installation instructions provided by the manufacturer and alterations to the engine not in accord-

ance with the installation instructions shall—

"(i) be treated as prohibited acts by the installer under section 203 and any applicable regulations; and

"(ii) subject to civil penalties under section 205(a), civil actions under section 205(b), and administrative

assessment of penalties under section 205(c).

"(D) The manufacturer of an exempted specially produced motor vehicle that has an engine compliant with the requirements of subparagraph (A) shall provide to the purchaser of such vehicle all information received by the manufacturer from the engine manufacturer, including information regarding emissions warranties from the engine manufacturer and all emissions-related recalls by the engine manufacturer.

"(Ē) To qualify to install an engine under this paragraph, and sell, offer for sale, introduce into commerce, deliver for introduction into commerce or import an exempted specially produced motor vehicle, a manufacturer of exempted specially produced motor vehicles shall register with the Administrator at such time and in such manner as the Administrator determines appropriate. The manufacturer shall submit an annual report to the Administrator

that includes—

"(i) a description of the exempted specially produced motor vehicles and engines installed in such vehicles;

"(ii) the certificate of conformity number issued to the motor vehicle in which the engine was originally intended or the applicable Executive order number for the engine; and

"(iii) a certification that it produced all exempted specially produced motor vehicles according to the written instructions from the engine manufacturer, and otherwise that the engine conforms in all material respects to the description in the application for the applicable certificate of conformity or Executive order. "(F) Exempted specially produced motor vehicles compliant with this paragraph shall be exempted from—

"(i) motor vehicle certification testing under this section; and

"(ii) vehicle emission control inspection and maintenance programs required under section 110.

"(G)(i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (A) through (F), a person engaged in the manufacturing or assembling of exempted specially produced motor vehicles shall be considered a manufacturer for purposes of this

"(ii) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to exempt any person from the prohibitions in section 203(a)(3) or the requirements in sections 208, 206(c), or 202(m)(5).

"(H) In this paragraph:

"(i) The term 'exempted specially produced motor vehicle' means a light-duty vehicle or light-duty truck

produced by a low-volume manufacturer and that—
"(I) is intended to resemble the body of another motor vehicle that was manufactured not less than 25 years before the manufacture of the exempted

specially produced motor vehicle; and

"(II) is manufactured under a license for the product configuration, trade dress, trademark, or patent, for the motor vehicle that is intended to be replicated from the original manufacturer, its successors or assignees, or current owner of such product configuration, trade dress, trademark, or patent rights.

(ii) The term 'low-volume manufacturer' means a motor vehicle manufacturer, other than a person who is registered as an importer under section 30141 of title 49, United States Code, whose annual worldwide production, including by a parent or subsidiary of the manufacturer, if applicable, is not more than

5,000 motor vehicles.".

(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to implement the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b), respectively.

SEC. 24406. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY GUIDELINES.

Section 30111 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection: "(f) MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY GUIDELINES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—No guidelines issued by the Secretary with respect to motor vehicle safety shall confer any rights on any person, State, or locality, nor shall operate to bind the Secretary or any person to the approach recommended in such guidelines. In any enforcement action with respect to motor vehicle safety, the Secretary shall allege a violation of a provision of this subtitle, a motor vehicle safety standard issued under this subtitle, or another relevant statute or regulation. The Secretary may not base an enforcement action on, or execute a consent order based on, practices that are alleged to be inconsistent with any such guidelines, unless the practices allegedly violate a provision of this subtitle, a motor vehicle safety standard issued under this subtitle, or another relevant statute or regulation.

"(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to confer any authority upon or negate any authority of the Secretary to issue guidelines under this

chapter.".

SEC. 24407. IMPROVEMENT OF DATA COLLECTION ON CHILD OCCU-PANTS IN VEHICLE CRASHES.

(a) In General.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall revise the crash investigation data collection system of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to include the collection of the following data in connection with vehicle crashes whenever a child restraint system

was in use in a vehicle involved in a crash:

(1) The type or types of child restraint systems in use during the crash in any vehicle involved in the crash, including

whether a five-point harness or belt-positioning booster.

(2) If a five-point harness child restraint system was in use during the crash, whether the child restraint system was forward-facing or rear-facing in the vehicle concerned.
(b) CONSULTATION.—In implementing subsection (a), the Sec-

retary shall work with law enforcement officials, safety advocates, the medical community, and research organizations to improve the recordation of data described in subsection (a) in police and

other applicable incident reports.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on child occupant crash data collection in the crash investigation data collection system of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration pursuant to the revision required by subsection (a).

DIVISION C—FINANCE

TITLE XXXI—HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AND RELATED TAXES

Subtitle A—Extension of Trust Fund **Expenditure Authority and Related Taxes**

SEC. 31101. EXTENSION OF HIGHWAY TRUST FUND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

(a) HIGHWAY TRUST FUND.—Section 9503 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended-