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H. R. 2230

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act of 2005”.

SEC. 2. RULEMAKING REGARDING CHILD SAFETY.

(a) **POWER WINDOW SAFETY.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue regulations applicable to all light passenger vehicles to ensure that power windows and panels automatically reverse direction when they

detect an obstruction to prevent children from being trapped, injured, or killed.

(b) **DRIVER REMINDER SYSTEM.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue regulations applicable to all light passenger vehicles requiring a system of driver notification or reminder system once the ignition switch is in the off position if passengers remain in any of the rear seating positions of the vehicle.

(c) **REARWARD VISIBILITY.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue regulations applicable to all light passenger vehicles requiring a rearward visibility performance standard that will provide drivers with an unobstructed view of the area behind the vehicle in order to prevent backing incidents involving death and injury especially to small children and disabled persons.

(d) **PHASE IN PERIOD.**—The regulations issued under subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall require that a phase-in period for compliance with the regulations shall commence not later than 6 months after the date such regulations are final, and shall require that all new light passenger vehicles shall be fully in compliance with such regulations not later than September 1, 2010.

(e) **DATABASE ON INJURIES AND DEATHS IN NONTRAFFIC, NONCRASH EVENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall establish and maintain a database of, and collect annually data regarding injuries and deaths in nontraffic, noncrash events involving motor vehicles. The database shall include information regarding—

(A) the number, types, and proximate causes of injuries and deaths resulting from such events;

(B) the characteristics of motor vehicles involved in such events;

(C) the characteristics of the motor vehicle operators and victims involved in such events; and

(D) the presence or absence in motor vehicles involved in

such events of advanced technologies designed to prevent such injuries and deaths.

(2) **AVAILABILITY.**—The Secretary shall make the database available to the public.

SEC. 3. CHILD SAFETY INFORMATION PROGRAM.

Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall either supplement a consumer information program relating to child safety or create a new program with information about hazards to children in nontraffic, noncrash incident situations. In executing this program, the Secretary shall—

(1) utilize information collected pursuant to section 2(e) regarding nontraffic, noncrash injuries, as well as other relevant data from private organizations, to establish priorities for the program;

(2) address ways in which parents can mitigate dangers to small children arising from, at a minimum, backover incidents, hyperthermia in closed vehicles, and accidental actuation of power windows; and

(3) make information related to the program available to the public via the Internet and through other means.
