

HR 1641

Passenger Van Safety Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. (Apr 10, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Apr 9, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Hyde, Henry J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		May 8, 2003
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		May 8, 2003
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		May 8, 2003
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 26, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 10, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 717	Identical bill	Mar 26, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Passenger Van Safety Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to: (1) develop a dynamic test on rollovers by 15-passenger vans for the purposes of a consumer information program, and carry out a program of conducting such tests; and (2) require the testing of 15-passenger vans at various load condition levels as part of the rollover resistance program of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's New Car Assessment Program.

Directs the Secretary to test and evaluate various technological systems (including electronic stability control systems, rear-view mirror-based rollover warning systems, traction systems, lane departure systems, and antilock brakes) to determine their effectiveness in assisting drivers of 15-passenger vans to control them under conditions that cause vehicle rollover.

Requires the Secretary to issue a final rule initiated pursuant to a specified proposed rulemaking on the application of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to the commercial operation of 15-passenger vans.

Amends the Federal transportation code to prohibit any person from purchasing, renting, or leasing any motor vehicle designed or used to transport nine to 15 passengers that the person knows or reasonably should know will be used significantly to transport preprimary, primary, and secondary school students to or from school or an event related to school, unless the motor vehicle complies with the certain motor vehicle standards prescribed for schoolbuses.

Establishes a civil penalty for violation of this prohibition, or for manufacture, sale, offer for sale, introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce, or importation, of a schoolbus or related equipment that fails to meet such standards.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Apr 4, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines.
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 3, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E675)
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