

## HR 3985

Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Oct 29, 2007

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 110-291.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 110-291. (Jul 30, 2008)

**Law:** 110-291 (Enacted Jul 30, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/3985>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Oct 29, 2007
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Oct 29, 2007
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Oct 29, 2007

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 23, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 15, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007 - Amends federal transportation law to add as a registration condition for motor carriers of passengers that a carrier be willing and able to comply with specified accessibility requirements for transportation provided by an over-the-road bus (characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment).

Directs the Secretary of Transportation and the Attorney General to enter into a memorandum of understanding to delineate the specific roles and responsibilities of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Justice, respectively, in enforcing carrier compliance with such requirements.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 30, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-291.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 15, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 14, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6669)
- **Jul 14, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6669)
- **Jul 14, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jun 23, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye without amendment. With written report No. 110-395.
- **Jun 23, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 829.
- **Apr 24, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Dec 12, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H15391-15392)
- **Dec 12, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 374 - 0 (Roll no. 1155).(text: CR 12/11/2007 H15256)
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- **Dec 12, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 11, 2007:** Mr. Oberstar moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 11, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H15256-15257)
- **Dec 11, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3985.
- **Dec 11, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 110-456.
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 279.
- **Oct 31, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 31, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 29, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 29, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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