

HR 1135

BUSES Act of 2009

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Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 23, 2009
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Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Feb 24, 2009
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Mar 10, 2009
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		May 19, 2009
Rep. Schmidt, Jean [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jun 8, 2009
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Jul 7, 2009
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Sep 23, 2009
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2009
Small Business Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 23, 2009
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 23, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1396	Text similarities	Mar 10, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Bus Uniform Standards and Enhanced Safety Act of 2009 or the BUSES Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to require: (1) monitoring of the safety performance of motorcoach service providers and other commercial motor carriers of passengers; and (2) progressive interventions to correct unsafe practices, and if they are not corrected, an enforcement action. Authorizes the Secretary to organize special enforcement strike forces to target commercial motor vehicle operators when appropriate.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) prescribe regulations to establish minimum training requirements for motorcoach drivers; (2) review testing requirements for a commercial driver's license passenger endorsement; (3) develop requirements for the testing of medical examiners who examine commercial motor vehicle operators for physical fitness and seek to be listed in the national registry; (4) review annually the implementation of the commercial driver's license requirements of at least 10 states to assess the validity of physical examination reports and medical certificates submitted by certified medical examiners; and (5) establish the national registry of medical examiners.

Sets forth additional Medical Review Board functions.

Requires the Secretary to review and report to Congress on federal commercial motor vehicle safety inspection standards.

Revises federal motor carrier registration requirements.

Directs the Secretary to prescribe federal motor vehicle safety standards for occupant protection systems for new and existing motorcoaches.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide a qualified motorcoach safety credit to a taxpayer for the costs of new and existing motorcoaches to comply with the federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Requires the Secretary to provide grants (not to exceed \$20,000 per vehicle) to motorcoach operators to assist with the cost of retrofitting motorcoaches in order to comply with such federal standards.

Amends the Small Business Act to grant the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) the authority to make SBA loans and loan guarantees to motorcoach operators to retrofit their buses and motorcoaches for occupant protection.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 24, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Feb 24, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Referred to House Small Business
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care, and Trade.