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HOT CARS Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1885	Related bill	Nov 28, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 268.
115 HR 2801	Related bill	Jun 9, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Helping Overcome Trauma for Children Alone in Rear Seats Act of 2017 or the HOT CARS Act of 2017

This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue a final rule requiring all new passenger motor vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight to be equipped with a system to alert the operator to check rear designated seating positions after the vehicle engine is turned off.

The alert shall: (1) include a distinct auditory and visual alert, which may be combined with a haptic alert (i.e., vibrations); and (2) be activated when the vehicle engine is turned off.

DOT must enter into an agreement with an independent third-party for a study on retrofitting existing passenger motor vehicles with technology to address the problem of children left in rear seats after the vehicle engine is turned off.

Actions Timeline

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