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HOT CARS Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

Party: Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 22, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 22, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 31, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 19, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 2, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jan 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3593	Related bill	Jul 1, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

Helping Overcome Trauma for Children Alone in Rear Seats Act of 2019 or the HOT CARS Act of 2019

This bill requires 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 must (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

- **Jan 13, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker without amendment. With written report No. 116-204.
- **Jan 13, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 404.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.