

HR 4686

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jul 29, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 17, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 16, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3262	Related bill	Jun 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
116 S 1871	Related bill	Jun 13, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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This bill establishes requirements for transportation network companies. A *transportation network company* (TNC) is an entity that uses a digital network to connect riders to drivers affiliated with the entity to transport the rider using a vehicle owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for use by the driver to a point chosen by the rider.

Each TNC must establish and implement a system and policy within its platform to make available to each passenger a digital method to verify that the driver with whom the passenger has been matched through the platform has been authorized by the TNC to accept the passenger's trip request prior to the beginning of the trip.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must establish the Safety Actions for Matching and Identifying Ride Share Customers' Council (SAMI'S Law Council) that is an advisory council for developing recommended performance standards for successor technology that will protect TNC passengers and drivers.

The bill prohibits the sale of any signage that is designed to help a passenger identify a TNC vehicle and contains a TNC's proprietary trademark or logo, or purports to be that of a TNC, unless the sale is authorized by the TNC.

DOT may issue penalties to a TNC for noncompliance with this bill, including up to \$20,000 each day when such noncompliance is knowing and willful.

The Government Accountability Office must conduct a study on the incidence of assault and abuse perpetrated on drivers by passengers of TNC vehicles and on such passengers by drivers of TNC vehicles.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2020:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Mr. DeFazio moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3921-3927)
- **Jul 29, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4686.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3921-3923)
- **Jul 29, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3921-3923)
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Oct 16, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.