

HR 4871

Protecting Roadside First Responders Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. (Oct 29, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 29, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 28, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2700	Identical bill	Oct 24, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S6158-6159)

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This bill addresses transportation matters relating to Move Over laws and crash avoidance technology. (Move Over laws are intended to ensure first responder and motorist safety by requiring motorists to change lanes or slow down when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle that is parked or otherwise stopped on a roadway.)

Specifically, the bill requires

- the Department of Transportation (DOT) to contract with the National Academy of Sciences to produce research findings on the efficacy of Move Over laws and related public awareness campaigns;
- DOT to award grants to states to prevent death and injury from crashes involving vehicles striking vehicles and individuals stopped at the roadside;
- DOT to implement rules to establish minimum performance standards with respect to crash avoidance technology and to require mandating crash avoidance technology on all new motor vehicles; and
- all federal fleet vehicles to have crash avoidance technology and, if such vehicles are used for emergency response activities, be equipped with digital alert technology.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Oversight and Reform, 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.