

## HR 7248

### STARTER Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]

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

### Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Spano, Ross [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jun 18, 2020
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Oct 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 18, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8859	Related bill	<b>Dec 4, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 8579	Related bill	<b>Oct 14, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 8510	Related bill	<b>Oct 5, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 8513	Related bill	<b>Oct 5, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 7457	Related bill	<b>Jul 2, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 7130	Related bill	<b>Jun 9, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 5700	Related bill	<b>Jan 30, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 4919	Related bill	<b>Oct 31, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 S 1909	Related bill	<b>Jun 19, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
116 HR 1372	Related bill	<b>Mar 15, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
116 S 569	Related bill	<b>Feb 26, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Surface Transportation Advanced through Reform, Technology, and Efficient Review Act or the STARTER Act**

This bill addresses provisions related to federal-aid highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, innovation, and resiliency programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Among other provisions, the bill

- extends FY2020 enacted levels through FY2025 for federal-aid highway, transit, and safety programs;
- requires DOT to provide competitive grants for projects to provide parking for commercial motor vehicles on the federal-aid highway system;
- authorizes DOT to modify loan interest rates under the transportation infrastructure finance and innovation (TIFIA) program for borrowers impacted by COVID-19 (i.e. coronavirus disease 2019);
- specifies that projects that provide access to hospitals and health care providers in areas of limited public transportation options are eligible to be carried out as public transportation research projects;
- creates a public awareness campaign to reduce instances of driving while under the influence of prescription and over-the-counter medications;
- directs DOT to promulgate regulations to implement an apprenticeship program for licensed commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21;
- establishes new competitive grant programs to spur innovation of connected vehicle applications into practical and effective operational deployments, and to test the safe integration of automated driving system technologies into the on-road transportation system; and
- addresses projects to improve the resiliency of federal-aid highways and bridges on and off the National Highway System.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 19, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jun 19, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.