

HR 2453

Driving for Opportunity Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Aug 10, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Aug 20, 2021
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Aug 9, 2022
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Oct 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Markup By	Apr 20, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 998	Related bill	Feb 3, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 260.

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This bill authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to states that do not suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a driver's license of an individual based on such individual's failure to pay a civil or criminal fine or fee.

Grants shall be awarded to (1) cover the costs incurred by a state to reinstate driver's licenses previously suspended for unpaid fines and fees; (2) maximize the number of individuals with suspended driver's licenses eligible to have driving privileges reinstated or regained; (3) provide assistance to individuals living in areas where public transportation options are limited; and (4) ease the burden on states where the state or local law that permitted the suspension or revocation of, or refusal to renew, driver's licenses or the registration of a motor vehicle based on the failure to pay civil or criminal fines or fees was in effect during the three year period ending on the date on which a state applies for or receives a grant under this bill.

The Government Accountability Office must study the implementation of the grant program authorized by this bill, including the known effects of repealing state laws that have permitted the suspension, revocation, or refusal of a driver's license or motor vehicle registration based on the failure to pay civil or criminal fines or fees.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 20, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 20, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Apr 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 12, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.