

HR 2956

SAFE Limos Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3684	Related bill	Aug 4, 2022: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
117 S 2016	Related bill	Dec 17, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 227.
117 S 1529	Identical bill	May 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S2415-2416)

Safety, Accountability, and Federal Enforcement of Limos Act of 2021 or the SAFE Limos Act

This bill sets out requirements to improve the safety of limousines.

Within two years of the bill's enactment, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must apply to newly manufactured limousines specified motor vehicle safety standards related to the installation of seat belts and other occupant crash protections. In addition, DOT must report on the feasibility, benefits, and costs of retrofitting limousines to meet those standards.

DOT must also develop additional motor vehicle safety standards to improve limousine safety. This includes standards related to (1) side impact protection, roof crush resistance, and other aspects of crashworthiness; (2) evacuation in the event the exit in the passenger compartment is blocked; and (3) the use of event data recorders.

Additionally, the bill requires that individuals who remodel new limousines submit to DOT and annually update a plan for mitigating limousine safety risks. The plan must include, among other topics, verification that the remodeled limousines meet applicable safety standards. Further, individuals who modify used vehicles into limousines must certify that the modified vehicles meet such standards.

The bill also requires limousine operators to disclose the date of, results of, and any corrective action needed to pass the most recent vehicle inspection. The Federal Trade Commissions shall enforce the disclosure requirements.

Actions Timeline

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