

HR 6151

Highway Accident Fairness Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Apr 6, 2022
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Aug 2, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill makes staging a collision with a commercial motor vehicle a federal crime and modifies legal procedures for suits arising from commercial motor vehicle accidents.

A person who operates a motor vehicle and intentionally collides with a commercial motor vehicle (or arranges for another person to cause such a collision) is subject to a fine, a prison term of up to 20 years, or both. If the collision results in serious bodily injury or death, the prison term may not be less than 20 years.

With respect to legal procedures, the bill (1) requires a plaintiff in a suit concerning a bodily injury or death that involves one or more commercial motor vehicles to disclose the identity of any third party who is financing the litigation in exchange for a portion of the plaintiff's recovery, and (2) grants federal courts jurisdiction over such actions in cases where damages exceed \$5 million.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Dec 7, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 7, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.