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DRIVE Safe Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 10, 2021
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Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 28, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 10, 2021
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		May 10, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 11, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 18, 2021
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		May 25, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 25, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 26, 2021
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 26, 2021
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 7, 2021
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Jun 23, 2021
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jul 22, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Oct 5, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2016	Related bill	Dec 17, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 227.
117 HR 3341	Related bill	May 20, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
117 HR 1745	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2021)

Developing Responsible Individuals for a Vibrant Economy Act or the DRIVE Safe Act

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to promulgate regulations to implement an apprenticeship program for licensed commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21.

Under the program, an apprentice must complete two probationary periods that total 400 hours of on-duty time, of which at least 240 hours must be driving time in a commercial motor vehicle. Additionally, the apprentice must be accompanied in the cab of the commercial motor vehicle by an experienced driver.

Further, the bill requires all commercial motor vehicles used in the program for training to be equipped with safety technology such as active braking collision mitigation systems and video event capturing systems.

An employer shall not knowingly allow, require, permit, or authorize a driver under the age of 21 to operate a commercial motor vehicle unless the driver is participating in, or has completed, an apprenticeship program that meets the requirements set forth in this bill.

Actions Timeline

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