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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERSTAR (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Driver Reg-
5 ister Amendments of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF SELECTED NATIONAL DRIVER REG-**
2 **ISTER FUNCTIONS TO NON-FEDERAL MAN-**
3 **AGEMENT.**

4 Section 30302 of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) TRANSFER OF SELECTED FUNCTIONS TO NON-
7 FEDERAL MANAGEMENT.—(1) The Secretary may enter
8 into an agreement with an organization that represents
9 the interests of the States to manage, administer, and op-
10 erate the National Driver Register’s computer timeshare
11 and user assistance functions. If the Secretary decides to
12 enter into such an agreement, the Secretary shall ensure
13 that the management of these functions is compatible with
14 this chapter and the regulations issued to implement this
15 chapter.

16 “(2) Any transfer of the National Driver Register’s
17 computer timeshare and user assistance functions to an
18 organization that represents the interests of the States
19 shall begin only after a determination is made by the Sec-
20 retary that all States are participating in the National
21 Driver Register’s ‘Problem Driver Pointer System’, the
22 system used by the Register to effect the exchange of
23 motor vehicle driving records, and that the system is func-
24 tioning properly.

25 “(3) The agreement entered into under this sub-
26 section shall include a provision for a transition period suf-

1 ficient to allow the States to make the budgetary and leg-
2 islative changes that the States may need to pay fees
3 charged by the organization representing their interests
4 for their use of the National Driver Register’s computer
5 timeshare and user assistance functions. During this tran-
6 sition period, the Secretary (acting through the National
7 Highway Traffic Safety Administration) shall continue to
8 fund these transferred functions.

9 “(4) The total of the fees charged by the organization
10 representing the interests of the States in any fiscal year
11 for the use of the National Driver Register’s computer
12 timeshare and user assistance functions shall not exceed
13 the total cost to the organization for performing these
14 functions in such fiscal year.

15 “(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
16 diminish, limit, or otherwise affect the authority of the
17 Secretary to carry out this chapter.”.

18 **SEC. 3. ACCESS TO REGISTER INFORMATION.**

19 (a) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
20 30305(b)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended
21 by inserting before the period at the end the following:
22 “, unless the information is about a revocation or suspen-
23 sion still in effect on the date of the request”.

24 (b) FEDERAL AGENCY ACCESS.—Section 30305(b) of
25 such title is further amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
2 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the follow-
4 ing:

5 “(6) The head of a Federal department or agency
6 that issues motor vehicle operator’s licenses may request
7 the chief driver licensing official of a State to obtain infor-
8 mation under subsection (a) of this section about an indi-
9 vidual applicant for a motor vehicle operator’s license from
10 such department or agency. The department or agency
11 may receive the information, provided that the department
12 or agency transmits to the Secretary a report regarding
13 any individual who is denied a motor vehicle operator’s
14 license by that department or agency for cause; whose
15 motor vehicle operator’s license is revoked, suspended, or
16 canceled by that department or agency for cause; or about
17 whom the department or agency has been notified of a
18 conviction of any of the motor vehicle-related offenses or
19 comparable offenses listed in section 30304(a)(3) and over
20 whom the department or agency has licensing authority.
21 The report shall contain the information specified in sec-
22 tion 30304(b).

23 “(7) The head of a Federal department or agency au-
24 thorized to receive information regarding an individual

1 from the Register under this section may request and re-
2 ceive such information from the Secretary.”.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 Section 30308(a) of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “1994 and” and inserting
7 “1994,”; and

8 (2) by inserting after “1995,” the following:
9 “and \$2,400,000 for each of fiscal years 1996 and
10 1997”.

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