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# H. R. 1022

To authorize manufacturers and dealers of cars, trucks, buses, and multipurpose passenger vehicles and motor vehicle repair businesses to install switches to be used by drivers to deactivate air bags in cars, trucks, buses, and multipurpose passenger vehicles.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 1997

Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. COBLE, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. FROST, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. SOLOMON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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

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## A BILL

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEACTIVATION DEVICE FOR AIR BAGS.**

2 Section 30122(b) of title 49, United States Code, is  
3 amended by striking “A manufacturer” and inserting  
4 “Except as provided in paragraph (2) and in regulations  
5 under subsection (c), a manufacturer”, by designating the  
6 text of the section, as amended, as a two em indented  
7 paragraph (1) with the heading “GENERAL RULE.—”, and  
8 by adding after that paragraph the following:

9 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR MANUFACTURERS, DEAL-  
10 ERS, AND MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR BUSINESSES.—  
11 Manufacturers and dealers of passenger cars, trucks,  
12 buses, and multipurpose passenger vehicles and  
13 motor vehicle repair businesses may equip such cars,  
14 trucks, buses, and vehicles with a device which the  
15 drivers of such cars, trucks, buses, and vehicles may  
16 use to deactivate the air bag installed at the driver  
17 and right front passenger position. Such device shall  
18 cause the air bag to activate when the engine of the  
19 passenger car, truck, bus, or multipurpose passenger  
20 vehicle is turned off.

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