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# H. R. 1471

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Auto Theft Deterrent  
5 Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. USE OF BAR CODES TO TRACE STOLEN VEHICLES.**

7       (a) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-  
2           tation shall conduct a study to determine the fea-  
3           sibility and advisability of prescribing standards for  
4           the placement of bar codes on passenger motor vehi-  
5           cles and the placement of devices for reading such  
6           bar codes at toll gates on roads, bridges, and tunnels  
7           for the purpose of facilitating the tracing of stolen  
8           vehicles, including stolen vehicles that are aban-  
9           doned.

10           (2) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall complete  
11           the study not later than 6 months after the date of  
12           the enactment of this Act.

13           (b) STANDARDS.—Based on the results of the study  
14           conducted under subsection (a), and not before the date  
15           that is 18 months after the date of the enactment of this  
16           Act, the Secretary is authorized to prescribe by regulation  
17           standards for the placement of bar codes on passenger  
18           motor vehicle equipment manufactured in, or imported  
19           into, the United States. Such standards shall not apply  
20           to a passenger motor vehicle or passenger motor vehicle  
21           equipment—

22           (1) intended only for export;

- 1           (2) labeled for export on the vehicle or equip-  
2           ment and the outside of any container of the vehicle  
3           or equipment; and  
4           (3) exported.

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