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To amend title 23, United States Code, to make safety a priority of the Federal-aid highway program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERREY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Highway Safety Prior-
5 ity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SAFETY OF FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS.**

7 (a) APPROVAL OF 3R PROJECTS ON NATIONAL
8 HIGHWAY SYSTEM.—Section 106(b)(1) of title 23, United
9 States Code, is amended by inserting before the period at

1 the end the following: “and includes the use of full-width
2 lanes and shoulders”.

3 (b) STANDARDS.—Section 109 of title 23, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(3) SAFETY.—To the maximum extent prac-
8 ticable, a design described in paragraph (1) shall in-
9 clude the use of full-width lanes and shoulders to en-
10 hance highway and bridge safety.”; and

11 (2) in subsection (p), by adding at the end the
12 following: “The laws (including regulations, direc-
13 tives, and standards) shall ensure appropriate road-
14 side safety improvements, lane and shoulder widen-
15 ing, alignment and sight distance improvements, and
16 conspicuous traffic control devices and pavement
17 markings.”.

18 (c) CERTIFICATION ACCEPTANCE.—Section 117(b) of
19 title 23, United States Code, is amended by inserting be-
20 fore the period at the end the following: “, including
21 standards that preserve and enhance the safety and mobil-
22 ity of highway users”.

23 (d) SET ASIDE FOR 4R PROJECTS.—Section
24 118(c)(2)(B) of title 23, United States Code, is amended

1 by inserting before the period at the end the following:
2 “and that improves safety while reducing congestion”.

3 (e) METROPOLITAN PLANNING.—Section 134 of title
4 23, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by in-
6 serting “safety and” after “maximize”;

7 (2) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “safety
9 and” after “more”;

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
11 through (16) as paragraphs (5) through (17),
12 respectively;

13 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
14 following:

15 “(4) The need to prevent accidents involving
16 rail and road users, including bicyclists, pedestrians,
17 and motor vehicles, and to reduce the frequency and
18 severity of such accidents.”;

19 (D) in paragraph (12) (as redesignated by
20 subparagraph (B)), by inserting “safe and”
21 after “enhance the”; and

22 (E) in paragraph (14) (as redesignated by
23 subparagraph (B)), by inserting “safety,” after
24 “economic,”; and

25 (3) in subsection (g)(2)(C)—

1 (A) in clause (i), by inserting “and safety”
2 after “operational”; and

3 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “safety
4 and” after “maximize the”.

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