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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Automobile Emissions
5 Consumer Information Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS LABELING ON NEW**
2 **AUTOMOBILES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32908 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 “(G) an air pollutant emissions index number
9 representing the composite level of emissions from
10 the model of automobile of all air pollutants regu-
11 lated under section 202 of the Clean Air Act (42
12 U.S.C. 7521), as calculated by the Administrator of
13 the Environmental Protection Agency under para-
14 graph (4).

15 “(H) the range of the air pollutant emissions
16 index numbers of comparable models of automobiles
17 of all manufacturers.”; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(4) AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS INDEX NUM-
20 BERS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each model of
22 automobile and for each model year, the Admin-
23 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
24 cy shall calculate (under regulations promul-
25 gated by the Administrator), provide to the
26 automobile manufacturer, and publish an air

1 pollutant emissions index number representing
2 the composite level of emissions from the model
3 of automobile for the model year of all air pol-
4 lutants regulated under section 202 of the
5 Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521).

6 “(B) BASIS FOR CALCULATION.—An air
7 pollutant emissions index number for a model
8 of automobile shall be—

9 “(i) based on information made avail-
10 able under section 206(e) of the Clean Air
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 7525(e)); and

12 “(ii) weighted by the Administrator
13 on the basis of the relative contribution of
14 emissions from the model of automobile to
15 violations of the national ambient air qual-
16 ity standards under the Clean Air Act (42
17 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.).”; and

18 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “or estimated
19 annual fuel costs” and inserting “, estimated annual
20 fuel costs, or air pollutant emissions”.

21 (b) INAPPLICABILITY TO STATES SUBJECT TO WAIV-
22 ER.—Section 32919(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
23 amended—

24 (1) by striking “When” and inserting the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—When”;

2 (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by
3 striking “or fuel operating costs” and inserting “,
4 fuel operating costs, or air pollutant emissions”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS DISCLOSURE
7 REQUIREMENTS.—The air pollutant emissions disclo-
8 sure requirements of section 32908 shall not apply
9 in any State with respect to which a waiver is in ef-
10 fect under section 209(b) of the Clean Air Act (42
11 U.S.C. 7543(b)).”.

12 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
14 the Environmental Protection Agency shall promulgate
15 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this Act
16 and the amendments made by this Act.

17 (d) APPLICABILITY.—This Act and the amendments
18 made by this Act shall apply with respect to the second
19 and subsequent model years (as defined in section
20 32901(a) of title 49, United States Code) beginning after
21 the date of promulgation of the regulations under sub-
22 section (c).

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