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H. R. 405

To amend title 49 of the United States Code to require automobile manufacturers to provide automatic door locks on new passenger cars manufactured after 2004.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2001

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 Safety Assurance
5 Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTOMATIC AUTOMOBILE DOOR LOCKS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 49 of the United States
8 Code is amended by inserting after section 30127 the fol-
9 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 30128. Automatic door locks**

2 “(a) Not later than January 1, 2002, the Secretary
3 of Transportation shall prescribe under this chapter an
4 amendment to Federal Motor Vehicle Standard 206 issued
5 under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act
6 of 1966. The amendment shall require that all passenger
7 cars manufactured after January 1, 2004, shall be fitted
8 with equipment which automatically locks the doors of the
9 vehicle when—

10 “(1) the vehicle transmission is engaged; or

11 “(2) the vehicle reaches a specified rate of
12 speed.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table at the begin-
14 ning of subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, is
15 amended by adding after the item related to section 30127
16 the following new item:

“30128. Automatic door locks.”.

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