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H. R. 1745

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2003

Mr. LOBIONDO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that funding should be
5 made available from the Highway Trust Fund to encour-
6 age States to require law enforcement officers to impound
7 motor vehicles of individuals charged with operating a

1 motor vehicle while intoxicated and to issue responsibility
2 warnings to individuals who take custody of suspects of
3 driving while intoxicated.

4 **SEC. 2. NTSB STUDY AND REPORT.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The National Transportation Safety
6 Board shall conduct a study on—

7 (1) the number of States that have adopted
8 laws to impound the motor vehicles of individuals
9 charged with driving while intoxicated; and

10 (2) the number and severity of traffic accidents
11 caused by individuals who were released by State
12 and local police hours after being charged with driv-
13 ing while intoxicated.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
15 of enactment of this Act, the Board shall transmit to Con-
16 gress a report on the results of the study, together with
17 recommendations on the need for States to enact vehicle
18 impoundment laws for those charged with driving while
19 intoxicated and the effectiveness of such laws in States
20 which have already enacted such laws.

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