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# S. 2026

To improve consumer awareness of motor vehicle safety.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 26, 2004

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

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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 “Consumer Vehicle  
5 Safety Awareness Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF AUTOMOBILE INFORMATION DIS-**  
7 **CLOSURE ACT.**

8 (a) SAFETY LABELING REQUIREMENT.—Section 3 of  
9 the Automobile Information Disclosure Act (15 U.S.C.  
10 1232) is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(g) if a safety rating for such automobile has been  
12 assigned and formally published by the National Highway

1 Safety Administration under the New Car Assessment  
2 Program for at least 60 days prior to the delivery or intro-  
3 duction date of the automobile, the safety rating assigned  
4 to such automobile, displayed in text or graphics that—

5 “(1) include, as applicable—

6 “(A) a graphic depiction of the number of  
7 stars that corresponds to such safety rating dis-  
8 played in a bright color clearly differentiated  
9 from stars indicating the unattained safety rat-  
10 ing;

11 “(B) a statement that the automobile has  
12 been assigned a safety rating of zero stars in  
13 text of similar size and in the same location as  
14 the stars would otherwise have been depicted;  
15 or

16 “(C) a statement explaining that multiple  
17 safety ratings have been assigned and listing  
18 such ratings;

19 “(2) cover at least 8 percent of the total area  
20 of the label; and

21 “(3) contain a heading titled ‘Government Safe-  
22 ty Information’ and a disclaimer including the fol-  
23 lowing text: ‘Star ratings can be compared between  
24 vehicles of similar size and weight. For more infor-

1 mation on safety and testing, please visit [http://](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)  
2 [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov); and

3 “(h) if no safety rating has been assigned to such  
4 automobile by the National Highway Safety Administra-  
5 tion under the New Car Assessment Program, a statement  
6 to that effect.”.

7 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than January 1, 2006,  
8 the Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe regulations  
9 to implement the labeling requirements added pursuant to  
10 subsection (a).

11 (c) CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—  
12 Section 3 of such Act is further amended—

13 (1) in subsection (e), by striking “and” after  
14 the semicolon; and

15 (2) in subsection (f)—

16 (A) by adding “and” at the end of para-  
17 graph (3); and

18 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
19 inserting a semicolon.

20 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21 subsection (a) and subsection (c) shall take effect on Jan-  
22 uary 1, 2006.

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