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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe a motor vehicle safety standard requiring new commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with an automatic emergency braking system, to require automatic emergency braking installed in commercial motor vehicles to be used while in operation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Roads Act of
3 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD.**

5 (a) **MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD.**—Not later
6 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
7 the Secretary of Transportation shall—

8 (1) prescribe a motor vehicle safety standard
9 under section 30111 of title 49, United States Code,
10 that requires all commercial motor vehicles manufac-
11 tured after the effective date of the standard to be
12 equipped with an automatic emergency braking sys-
13 tem; and

14 (2) include standards that establish the per-
15 formance requirements for automatic emergency
16 braking systems.

17 (b) **FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULA-**
18 **TION.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall
20 prescribe a regulation under section 31136 of title 49,
21 United States Code, that requires an automatic emergency
22 braking system installed in any commercial motor vehicle
23 in operation on or after the effective date shall be used
24 at any time during which the commercial motor vehicle
25 is in operation.

26 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 (1) AUTOMATIC EMERGENCY BRAKING SYS-
2 TEM.—The term “automatic emergency braking sys-
3 tem” means a system on a commercial motor vehicle
4 that, based on a predefined distance and closing rate
5 with respect to an obstacle in the path of the vehi-
6 cle—

7 (A) alerts the driver of the obstacle; and

8 (B) if necessary to avoid or mitigate a col-
9 lision with the obstacle, automatically applies
10 the brakes of the vehicle.

11 (2) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term
12 “commercial motor vehicle” has the meaning given
13 such term in section 31132 of title 49, United
14 States Code.

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