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# H. R. 4709

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to award grants to States that have enacted and are enforcing certain laws with respect to stretch limousines, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2019

Mr. TONKO (for himself, Mr. DELGADO, and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Take Unsafe Limos  
5 Off the Road Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR SAFETY OF STRETCH LIM-**  
2 **OUSINES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 311 of title 49, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 31162. Grant program for safety of stretch lim-**  
7 **ousines**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation  
9 shall make a grant, in accordance with this section, to any  
10 State that has enacted and is enforcing a law that requires  
11 the impoundment or immobilization of a stretch limousine  
12 if such limousine is found to have an eligible defect upon  
13 inspection.

14 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A State is eligible for a grant  
15 under this section for a fiscal year if such State has en-  
16 acted and is enforcing a law described in subsection (a)  
17 on October 1 of such fiscal year.

18 “(c) GRANTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on October 1 of  
20 the first fiscal year beginning after the date of en-  
21 actment of this section, the Secretary shall apportion  
22 funds appropriated to carry out this section to each  
23 State that has enacted and is enforcing a law de-  
24 scribed in subsection (a) in an amount determined  
25 by—

1           “(A) subtracting all amounts provided to  
2 States pursuant to paragraph (2) from  
3 \$5,000,000; and

4           “(B) dividing the amount described in sub-  
5 paragraph (A) by the number of States eligible  
6 for a grant for such fiscal year.

7           “(2) INCREASE OF AMOUNTS.—Beginning on  
8 October 1 of the first fiscal year beginning after the  
9 date of enactment of this section, a State is eligible  
10 for an additional \$50,000 if the State has enacted  
11 and is enforcing a law or regulation that requires—

12           “(A) any safety inspection of a stretch lim-  
13 ousine to be conducted at a designated site con-  
14 trolled by the State; and

15           “(B) the inspection described in subpara-  
16 graph (A) to be conducted by employees trained  
17 in the inspection of stretch limousines.

18           “(d) USES OF FUNDS.—A State receiving a grant  
19 under this section may use such funds—

20           “(1) for the impoundment or immobilization of  
21 a stretch limousine;

22           “(2) for the establishment and operating ex-  
23 penses of designated stretch limousine safety inspec-  
24 tion sites; or

1           “(3) to train employees in the inspection of  
2 stretch limousines.

3           “(e) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

4           “(1) ELIGIBLE DEFECT.—The term ‘eligible de-  
5 fect’ means any defect that would cause a motor ve-  
6 hicle to fail a commercial motor vehicle safety in-  
7 spection.

8           “(2) PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term  
9 ‘passenger motor vehicle’ has the meaning given the  
10 term in section 32101 of title 49, United States  
11 Code.

12           “(3) STRETCH LIMOUSINE.—The term ‘stretch  
13 limousine’ means a new or used passenger motor ve-  
14 hicle that has been modified, altered, or extended in  
15 a manner that increases the overall wheelbase of the  
16 vehicle, exceeding the original equipment manufac-  
17 turer’s wheelbase dimension for the base model and  
18 year of the vehicle, in any amount sufficient to ac-  
19 commodate additional passengers with a seating ca-  
20 pacity of not fewer than 9 passengers including the  
21 driver.

22           “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
24 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2024.”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
2 ter 311 of title 49 is amended by adding at the end the  
3 following:

“31162. Grant program for safety of stretch limousines.”.

