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Prohibiting the manufacture, sale, delivery, or importation of school buses that do not have seat belts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACOBS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

Prohibiting the manufacture, sale, delivery, or importation of school buses that do not have seat belts, and for other purposes.

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. PROHIBITION.**

4 No person shall manufacture, sell, deliver, or import
5 any school bus, constructed after the effective date of this
6 Act, for use by a person described in section 2 to provide
7 transportation service, unless such school bus is equipped
8 with a seat belt, with particular emphasis on the use of
9 an Aaron Gordon type flight attendant double shoulder
10 harness mechanism or other appropriate safety restraint

1 device providing equal or greater passenger safety, for
2 each passenger riding in such school bus.

3 **SEC. 2. PERSONS TO WHICH PROHIBITION APPLIES.**

4 The prohibition set forth in section 1 shall apply to—

5 (1) any school bus, as such term is defined in
6 section 4221(d)(7)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code
7 of 1986; and

8 (2) any Federal, State, or local government en-
9 tity, school district, or other public or private entity
10 providing transportation to passengers by school
11 bus.

12 **SEC. 3. CIVIL PENALTIES; SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY TO**
13 **COMPROMISE.**

14 (a) AMOUNT OF PENALTIES.—Whoever violates any
15 provision of this Act, or any regulation issued thereunder,
16 shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000
17 for each such violation. A violation with respect to each
18 school bus shall constitute a separate violation, except that
19 the maximum civil penalty shall not exceed \$800,000 for
20 any related series of violations.

21 (b) COMPROMISE OF PENALTIES.—Any such civil
22 penalty may be compromised by the Secretary of Trans-
23 portation. In determining the amount of such penalty, or
24 the amount agreed upon in compromise, the appropriate-
25 ness of such penalty to the size of the business of the per-

1 son charged and the gravity of the violation shall be con-
2 sidered. The amount of such penalty, when finally deter-
3 mined, or the amount agreed upon in compromise, may
4 be deducted from any sums owing by the United States
5 to the person charged.

6 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 This Act shall take effect 90 days after the date of
8 its enactment.

