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To amend the anti-car theft provisions of title 49, United States Code to increase the utility of motor vehicle title information to State and Federal law enforcement officials, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 1995

Mr. McCOLLUM (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Anti-Car Theft Im-
5 provements Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) MOTOR VEHICLE.—Section 30501(1) of title 49,
8 United States Code, is amended by inserting before the

1 period the following: “and ‘motor vehicle’ has the same
2 meaning as the term ‘passenger motor vehicle’ has in sec-
3 tion 32101(10)”.

4 (b) OPERATOR.—Section 30501(6) of title 49, United
5 States Code, is amended by striking “of this title, or the
6 Secretary of Transportation” and inserting “or the Na-
7 tional Stolen Passenger Motor Vehicle Information Sys-
8 tem under section 33109, or the Attorney General”.

9 **SEC. 3. SYSTEM NAME AND IMPLEMENTATION DATE.**

10 (a) SECTION 30502.—Section 30502(a)(1) of title
11 49, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking “January 31, 1996” and insert-
13 ing “October 1, 1997”, and

14 (2) by striking “Automobile” each place it oc-
15 curs and inserting “Motor Vehicle”.

16 (b) SECTION 30503.—Section 30503(d) of title 49,
17 United States Code, is amended by striking “January 1,
18 1997” and inserting “October 1, 1998”.

19 **SEC. 4. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.**

20 (a) SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Sections
21 30502, 30503, 30504, and 30505 of title 49, United
22 States Code, are each amended by striking each reference
23 to “Secretary of Transportation” or “Secretary” and in-
24 serting “Attorney General”.

1 (b) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Section 30502 of title 49,
2 United States Code, is amended by striking each reference
3 to “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Trans-
4 portation”.

5 **SEC. 5. TITLE INFORMATION SYSTEM OPERATOR IMMUN-**
6 **NITY.**

7 Section 30502 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(f) IMMUNITY.—Any person performing any activity
10 under this section or sections 30503 or 30504 in good
11 faith and with the reasonable belief that such activity was
12 in accordance with this section or section 30503 or 30504,
13 as the case may be, shall be immune from any civil action
14 seeking money damages or equitable relief in any court
15 of the United States or a State.”.

16 **SEC. 6. STOLEN VEHICLE INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

17 Section 33109 of title 49, United States Code, is
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(d) IMMUNITY.—Any person performing any activity
20 under this section in good faith and with the reasonable
21 belief that such activity was in accordance with this sec-
22 tion shall be immune from any civil action seeking money
23 damages or equitable relief in any court of the United
24 States or a State.”.

1 **SEC. 7. GRANTS TO STATES.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 30503(c)(2) of title 49,
3 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 “(2) The Attorney General may make reasonable and
5 necessary grants to participating States to be used in
6 making titling information maintained by those States
7 available to the operator.”.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be ap-
9 propriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out
10 section 30503 of title 49, United States Code.

11 (c) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The information system
12 established under section 30502 of title 49, United States
13 Code, shall be effective as provided in the rules promul-
14 gated by the Attorney General.

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