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H. R. 2295

To amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to States to carry out innovative projects to promote increased seat belt use rates.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SUNUNU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE SEAT BELT**
4 **PROJECTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 157(f) of title 23, United
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(f) INNOVATIVE SEAT BELT PROJECT GRANTS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use
2 amounts made available under subsection (g)(3)(B)
3 to make grants to States to carry out innovative
4 projects to promote increased seat belt use rates.

5 “(2) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—For each of fiscal
6 years 2002 and 2003, the total amount of funds to
7 be made available to a State in grants under this
8 subsection shall be determined by the Secretary in
9 accordance with the formula set forth in section
10 402(c), except that, subject to the availability of
11 amounts under subsection (g)(3)(B), no State shall
12 receive less than \$400,000 for the fiscal year.

13 “(3) USE OF GRANTS.—An innovative seat belt
14 project carried out under this subsection may involve
15 the following strategies:

16 “(A) New and innovative messages for
17 high risk groups.

18 “(B) New delivery mechanisms for seat
19 belt programs.

20 “(C) New implementation partners.

21 “(D) New or unusual approaches to seat
22 belt enforcement.

23 “(4) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
24 the cost of an innovative seat belt project under this
25 subsection shall be 100 percent.

1 “(5) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Amounts
2 granted to a State under this subsection shall re-
3 main available for obligation in the State for a pe-
4 riod of 3 years after the last day of the fiscal year
5 for which the amounts are granted.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
7 157(g)(3)(B) of title 23, United States Code, is amended
8 by striking “allocations” and inserting “grants”.

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