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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

DECEMBER 18 (legislative day, DECEMBER 15), 1995

Mr. McCOLLUM (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. DURBIN, 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”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 30501(1) of title 49, United States Code, is
3 amended by inserting before the period the following: “and
4 ‘motor vehicle’ has the same meaning as the term ‘pas-
5 senger motor vehicle’ has in section 32101(10)”.

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

7 (a) SECTION 30502.—Section 30502(a)(1) of title
8 49, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

13 (b) SECTION 30503.—Section 30503(d) of title 49,
14 United States Code, is amended by striking “January 1,
15 1997” and inserting “October 1, 1998”.

16 **SEC. 4. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.**

17 (a) SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Sections
18 30501, 30502, 30503, 30504, and 30505 of title 49,
19 United States Code, are each amended by striking each
20 reference to “Secretary of Transportation” or “Secretary”
21 and inserting “Attorney General”.

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

1 **SEC. 5. TITLE INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

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

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

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

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

14 “(d) IMMUNITY.—Any person performing any activity
15 under this section or section 33110 or 33111 in good faith
16 and with the reasonable belief that such activity was in
17 accordance with such section shall be immune from any
18 civil action seeking money damages or equitable relief in
19 any court of the United States or a State.”.

20 **SEC. 7. GRANTS TO STATES.**

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

23 “(2) The Attorney General may make reasonable and
24 necessary grants to participating States to be used in
25 making titling information maintained by those States
26 available to the operator.”.

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

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

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