

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4171

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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. STUDY ON SAFETY AT ROADSIDE EMERGENCY**

4 **SCENES.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Transportation shall  
6 conduct a study to evaluate options for improving the safe-

1 ty of persons present at roadside emergency scenes, in-  
2 cluding motor vehicle accident scenes.

3 (b) LAWS AND OPTIONS TO BE EVALUATED.—In  
4 conducting the study under this Act, the Secretary shall  
5 evaluate—

6 (1) the effectiveness of State laws aimed at im-  
7 proving the safety of persons present at roadside  
8 emergency scenes;

9 (2) the feasibility of requiring a person operat-  
10 ing a motor vehicle that is approaching a roadside  
11 emergency scene to—

12 (A) move to the furthest traffic lane from  
13 the roadside emergency scene available for traf-  
14 fic that is moving in the direction the person is  
15 traveling; and

16 (B) decrease motor vehicular speed to 10  
17 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit;  
18 and

19 (3) other options for improving the safety of  
20 persons present at roadside emergency scenes.

21 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
22 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit to  
23 Congress a report on the results of the study conducted  
24 pursuant to subsection (a), together with any rec-  
25 ommendations for improving the safety of persons present

1 at roadside emergency scenes, including motor vehicle ac-  
2 cident scenes.

3 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of the Congress that States should  
5 enact and enforce laws to improve the safety of persons  
6 present at roadside emergency scenes, including motor ve-  
7 hicle accident scenes, in accordance with the recommenda-  
8 tions contained in the report required by section 1(c) thus  
9 making it unnecessary for Congress to enact Federal legis-  
10 lation to withhold Federal highway funds until such State  
11 laws are enacted and enforced.

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