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H. R. 6531

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations requiring bridge clearance information in certain GPS navigation devices, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATIMER (for himself, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. MACKENZIE, and Mr. KENNEDY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Bridges not Bumpers
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DOT BRIDGE CLEARANCE STRIKE WORKING GROUP.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Transpor-
3 tation shall establish a bridge clearance strike working
4 group to make recommendations on ways to improve pub-
5 lic-private data sharing regarding bridge clearance and
6 commercial motor vehicle route data.

7 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The working group established
8 under subsection (a) shall include representatives from—

9 (1) the Federal Highway Administration;

10 (2) The Federal Railroad Administration;

11 (3) the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Adminis-
12 tration;

13 (4) State departments of transportation;

14 (5) trucking organizations;

15 (6) producers of GPS navigation systems;

16 (7) law enforcement agencies;

17 (8) companies that rent or lease covered rental
18 vehicles directly to consumers; and

19 (9) Class I, II, and III railroad carriers.

20 (c) CONTENTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—The rec-
21 ommendations required under subsection (a) shall—

22 (1) include ways to improve the availability of
23 information and route signs specific to commercial
24 motor vehicles on GPS navigation tools;

1 (2) address potential liability issues if bridge
2 clearance information shared between public and pri-
3 vate partners is not accurate;

4 (3) address ways to improve truck driver knowl-
5 edge about bridge strikes that may include a section
6 on commercial driver's license tests about bridge
7 strikes;

8 (4) include ways for companies that rent cov-
9 ered rental vehicles to clearly label their vehicles
10 with height and weight information;

11 (5) include ways for companies that rent cov-
12 ered rental vehicles to provide notice, whether orally
13 or written, of vehicle height to individuals who rent
14 or lease a vehicle, and warn such individuals to look
15 out for road signs about vehicle height; and

16 (6) address what public or private funding
17 streams would be necessary to incorporate bridge
18 clearance and truck route data into GPS navigation
19 tools.

20 (d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
21 working group issues recommendations under subsection
22 (a), the Secretary shall issue such regulations as are nec-
23 essary to implement such recommendations.

24 (e) IMMUNITY FROM CERTAIN LIABILITY.—A GPS
25 administrator shall be immune from liability in a civil ac-

tion in any court for any injury resulting from the inclusion of information on clearance heights of bridges, tunnels, or underpasses provided by a State or the Federal Government.

SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NATIONAL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Secretary, in coordination with the working group established under section 3, should conduct a national education campaign to prevent and raise awareness on bridge strikes by commercial motor vehicles; and

(2) the national education campaign should be targeted towards—

(A) educational programs for commercial drivers;

(B) independent operator businesses; and

(C) motor carrier associations.

SEC. 4. NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR BRIDGE AND TUNNEL CLEARANCE STRIKES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall establish a national clearinghouse for bridge and tunnel clearance strikes that—

(1) serves as a centralized repository for data collection, management, and dissemination of best

1 practices for prevention of bridge strikes by commer-
2 cial motor vehicles; and

3 (2) is modeled after the prototype developed by
4 the National Cooperative Highway Research Pro-
5 gram of the National Academies in the publication
6 titled “Guide for Preventing and Mitigating the Risk
7 of Bridge and Tunnel Strikes by Motor Vehicles”
8 (NCHRP 08–139).

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000
11 to carry out this section.

12 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR RESEARCH ON POTENTIAL IMPROVE-**
13 **MENTS TO ROADWAY, BRIDGE, AND TUNNEL**
14 **LOCATIONS.**

15 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
16 a grant program to provide grants to eligible entities to
17 conduct research using the clearinghouse established
18 under section 4 to—

19 (1) identify roadway, bridge, and tunnel loca-
20 tions for potential infrastructure improvement
21 projects to mitigate bridge and tunnel clearance
22 strikes;

23 (2) conduct basic, preliminary engineering tasks
24 to analyze alternative bridge strike mitigation op-

1 tions and identify preferred mitigation alternative
2 recommendations; and

3 (3) assess the effectiveness of currently imple-
4 mented and future countermeasures against bridge
5 and tunnel clearance strikes and strategies and pro-
6 grams to reduce such strikes.

7 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to re-
8 ceive a grant under this section is—

- 9 (1) a State department of transportation;
10 (2) a unit of local government;
11 (3) a metropolitan planning organization;
12 (4) Class II and Class III railroads; and
13 (5) a transportation safety organization.

14 (c) PRIORITIZATION.—In providing grants under this
15 section, the Secretary shall prioritize eligible entities lo-
16 cated in States with a high incidence of bridge strikes,
17 as determined by the Secretary.

18 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fis-
20 cal years 2026 through 2030 to carry out this section.

21 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.**

22 In this Act:

23 (1) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term
24 “commercial motor vehicle” has the meaning given

1 the term in section 31132 of title 49, United States
2 Code.

3 (2) COVERED RENTAL VEHICLE.—The term
4 “covered rental vehicle” means a motor vehicle
5 that—

6 (A) is self-propelled or towed and used on
7 public streets, roads, and highways except a
8 truck tractor;

9 (B) has a gross vehicle weight rating of at
10 least 5,700 pounds;

11 (C) is rented without a driver for an initial
12 term of less than 4 months; and

13 (D) is part of a motor vehicle fleet of 5 or
14 more motor vehicles that are used for rental
15 purposes by a rental company.

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