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To require the Secretary of Transportation to finalize a rule to protect consumers from the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning from keyless ignition motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Stop CO Poisoning
5 Exposures Act” or the “SCOPE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF**
7 **SYSTEMS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

8 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF**
2 **SYSTEMS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) KEY.—The term “key” has the meaning
5 given the term in section 571.114 of title 49, Code
6 of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

7 (2) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-
8 turer” has the meaning given the term in section
9 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

10 (3) MOTOR VEHICLE.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “motor vehi-
12 cle” has the meaning given the term in section
13 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

14 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “motor vehi-
15 cle” does not include—

16 (i) a motorcycle or trailer (as those
17 terms are defined in section 571.3 of title
18 49, Code of Federal Regulations) (or suc-
19 cessor regulations);

20 (ii) any motor vehicle that is rated at
21 more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicular
22 weight; or

23 (iii) a battery electric vehicle.

24 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of Transportation.

1 (b) AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VE-
2 HICLES.—

3 (1) FINAL RULE.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary shall issue a final rule amending section
7 571.114 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
8 tions (relating to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety
9 Standard Number 114), to require manufactur-
10 ers to install technology in each motor vehicle
11 equipped with a keyless ignition device and an
12 internal combustion engine to automatically
13 shut off the motor vehicle after the motor vehi-
14 cle has idled for the period designated under
15 subparagraph (B).

16 (B) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—The period referred
18 to in subparagraph (A) is the period des-
19 ignated by the Administrator of the Na-
20 tional Highway Traffic Safety Administra-
21 tion as necessary to prevent carbon mon-
22 oxide poisoning.

23 (ii) DIFFERENT PERIODS.—The Ad-
24 ministrator of the National Highway Traf-
25 fic Safety Administration may designate

1 different periods under clause (i) for dif-
2 ferent types of motor vehicles, depending
3 on the rate at which the motor vehicle
4 emits carbon monoxide, if—

5 (I) the Administrator determines
6 a different period is necessary for a
7 type of motor vehicle for purposes of
8 section 30111 of title 49, United
9 States Code; and

10 (II) requiring a different period
11 for a type of motor vehicle is con-
12 sistent with the prevention of carbon
13 monoxide poisoning.

14 (2) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1)
15 shall become effective on September 1 of the year
16 that is 1 year after the date on which the Secretary
17 issued that rule.

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