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Pui	urpose: To require the Secretary of a rule requiring all new pass be equipped with a child safety a	enger motor vehicles to
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	Ordered to lie on the table a	and to be printed
A	AMENDMENT intended to be propose	ed by Mr. Blumenthal
Viz	iz:	
1	1 At the end of subtitle B of t	itle IV, add the following:
2	2 SEC. 42 CHILD SAFETY.	
3	3 (a) Amendment.—	
4	4 (1) In General.—Cl	napter 323 of title 49,
5	5 United States Code, is amen	nded by adding after sec-
6	tion 32304A the following:	
7	7 "§ <b>32304B.</b> Child safety	
8	3 "(a) Definitions.—In this	section:
9	9 "(1) Passenger moto	OR VEHICLE.—The term
10	) 'passenger motor vehicle' ha	s the meaning given that
11	term in section 32101.	

1	"(2) REAR-DESIGNATED SEATING POSITION.—
2	The term 'rear-designated seating position' means
3	designated seating positions that are rearward of the
4	front seat.
5	"(3) Secretary.—The term 'Secretary' means
6	the Secretary of Transportation.
7	"(b) Rulemaking.—Not later than 2 years after the
8	date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
9	issue a final rule requiring all new passenger motor vehi-
10	cles weighing less than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight
11	to be equipped with a system to alert the operator to check
12	rear-designated seating positions after the vehicle engine
13	or motor is deactivated by the operator.
14	"(c) Means.—The alert required under subsection
15	(b)—
16	"(1) shall include a distinct auditory and visual
17	alert, which may be combined with a haptic alert
18	and
19	"(2) shall be activated when the vehicle motor
20	is deactivated by the operator.
21	"(d) Phase-in.—The rule issued pursuant to sub-
22	section (b) shall require full compliance with the rule be-
23	ginning on September 1st of the first calendar year that
24	begins 2 years after the date on which the final rule is
25	issued.".

1	(2) Clerical amendment.—The analysis for
2	chapter 323 of title 49, United States Code, is
3	amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
4	tion 32304A the following:
	"32304B. Child safety.".
5	(b) Awareness of Children in Motor Vehi-
6	CLES.—Section 402 of title 23, United States Code (as
7	amended by section 4102(a)(9)), is amended by adding at
8	the end the following:
9	"(o) Unattended Passengers.—
10	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall use a por-
11	tion of the amounts received by the State under this
12	section to carry out a program to educate the public
13	regarding the risks of leaving a child or unattended
14	passenger in a vehicle after the vehicle motor is de-
15	activated by the operator.
16	"(2) Program placement.—Nothing in this
17	subsection requires a State to carry out a program
18	described in paragraph (1) through the State trans-
19	portation or highway safety office.".
20	(e) Study and Report.—
21	(1) Study.—
22	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
23	conduct a study on—
24	(i) the potential retrofitting of existing
25	passenger motor vehicles with 1 or more

1	technologies that may address the problem
2	of children left in rear-designated seating
3	positions of motor vehicles after deactiva-
4	tion of the motor vehicles by an operator;
5	and
6	(ii) the potential benefits and burdens,
7	logistical or economic, associated with
8	widespread use of those technologies.
9	(B) Elements.—In carrying out the
10	study under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
11	shall—
12	(i) survey and evaluate a variety of
13	methods used by current and emerging
14	aftermarket technologies or products to re-
15	duce the risk of children being left in rear-
16	designated seating positions after deactiva-
17	tion of a motor vehicle; and
18	(ii) provide recommendations—
19	(I) for manufacturers of the tech-
20	nologies and products described in
21	clause (i) to carry out a functional
22	safety performance evaluation to en-
23	sure that the technologies and prod-
24	ucts perform as designed by the man-

1	ufacturer under a variety of real-world
2	conditions; and
3	(II) for consumers on methods to
4	select an appropriate technology or
5	product described in clause (i) in
6	order to retrofit existing vehicles.
7	(2) Report by Secretary.—Not later than
8	180 days after the date on which the Secretary
9	issues the final rule required by section 32304B(b)
10	of title 49, United States Code (as added by sub-
11	section (a)(1)), the Secretary shall submit a report
12	describing the results of the study carried out under
13	paragraph (1) to—
14	(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
15	and Transportation of the Senate; and
16	(B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
17	merce of the House of Representatives.