

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
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Page 585, after line 7, insert the following:

1 **PART 1—IN GENERAL**

Page 618, beginning on line 17, strike “**COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS**” and insert “**SAFETY STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES OF PROPERTY**”.

Page 618, strike line 19 and all that follows through “(1) RESEARCH.—The Secretary” on line 21 and insert the following:

2 (a) RESEARCH.—The Secretary

Page 619, strike line 1 and all that follows through “subsection,” on line 2 and insert the following:

3 (b) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OF PROPERTY  
4 DEFINED.—In this section,

Page 619, strike line 8 and all that follows through line 16 on page 628.

Page 629, after line 13, insert the following:

1       **PART 2—MOTORCOACH ENHANCED SAFETY**

2       **SEC. 6321. DEFINITIONS.**

3       In this part:

4           (1) **ADVANCED GLAZING.**—The term “advanced  
5       glazing” means glazing installed in a portal on the  
6       side or the roof of a motorcoach that is designed to  
7       be highly resistant to partial or complete occupant  
8       ejection in all types of motor vehicle crashes.

9           (2) **BUS.**—The term “bus” has the meaning  
10       given the term in section 571.3(b) of title 49, Code  
11       of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the day be-  
12       fore the date of enactment of this Act).

13          (3) **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.**—Except as  
14       otherwise specified, the term “commercial motor ve-  
15       hicle” has the meaning given the term in section  
16       31132(1) of title 49, United States Code.

17          (4) **DIRECT TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYS-**  
18       **TEM.**—The term “direct tire pressure monitoring  
19       system” means a tire pressure monitoring system  
20       that is capable of directly detecting when the air  
21       pressure level in any tire is significantly under-in-  
22       flated and providing the driver a low tire pressure  
23       warning as to which specific tire is significantly  
24       under-inflated.

1           (5) ELECTRONIC ON-BOARD RECORDER.—The  
2           term “electronic on-board recorder” means an elec-  
3           tronic device that acquires and stores data showing  
4           the record of duty status of the vehicle operator and  
5           performs the functions required of an automatic on-  
6           board recording device in section 395.15(b) of title  
7           49, Code of Federal Regulations.

8           (6) EVENT DATA RECORDER.—The term “event  
9           data recorder” has the meaning given that term in  
10          section 563.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-  
11          tions.

12          (7) MOTOR CARRIER.—The term “motor car-  
13          rier” means—

14                (A) a motor carrier (as defined in section  
15                13102(14) of title 49, United States Code); or

16                (B) a motor private carrier (as defined in  
17                section 13102(15) of that title).

18          (8) MOTORCOACH.—The term “motorcoach”  
19          has the meaning given the term “over-the-road bus”  
20          in section 13102 of title 49, United States Code, but  
21          does not include—

22                (A) a bus used in public transportation  
23                provided by, or on behalf of, a public transpor-  
24                tation agency; or

1 (B) a school bus, including a multifunction  
2 school activity bus.

3 (9) MOTORCOACH SERVICES.—The term “mo-  
4 torcoach services” means passenger transportation  
5 by motorcoach for compensation.

6 (10) MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS.—  
7 The term “multifunction school activity bus” has the  
8 meaning given the term in section 571.3(b) of title  
9 49, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the  
10 day before the date of enactment of this Act).

11 (11) PORTAL.—The term “portal” means any  
12 opening on the front, side, rear, or roof of a motor-  
13 coach that could, in the event of a crash involving  
14 the motorcoach, permit the partial or complete ejection  
15 of any occupant from the motorcoach, including  
16 a young child.

17 (12) PROVIDER OF MOTORCOACH SERVICES.—  
18 The term “provider of motorcoach services” means  
19 a motor carrier that provides passenger transportation  
20 services with a motorcoach, including per-trip  
21 compensation and contracted or chartered compensation.  
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23 (13) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.—The term  
24 “public transportation” has the meaning given the  
25 term in section 5302 of title 49, United States Code.

1           (14) SAFETY BELT.—The term “safety belt”  
2           has the meaning given the term in section  
3           153(i)(4)(B) of title 23, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 6322. REGULATIONS FOR IMPROVED OCCUPANT PRO-**  
5                           **TECTION, PASSENGER EVACUATION, AND**  
6                           **CRASH AVOIDANCE.**

7           (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED WITHIN 1 YEAR.—Not  
8           later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,  
9           the Secretary shall prescribe regulations requiring safety  
10          belts to be installed in motorcoaches at each designated  
11          seating position.

12          (b) REGULATIONS REQUIRED WITHIN 2 YEARS.—  
13          Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this  
14          Act, the Secretary shall prescribe the following commercial  
15          motor vehicle regulations:

16               (1) ROOF STRENGTH AND CRUSH RESIST-  
17               ANCE.—The Secretary shall establish improved roof  
18               and roof support standards for motorcoaches that  
19               substantially improve the resistance of motorcoach  
20               roofs to deformation and intrusion to prevent serious  
21               occupant injury in rollover crashes involving  
22               motorcoaches.

23               (2) ANTI-EJECTION SAFETY COUNTER-  
24               MEASURES.—The Secretary shall require advanced  
25               glazing to be installed in each motorcoach portal and

1 shall consider other portal improvements to prevent  
2 partial and complete ejection of motorcoach pas-  
3 sengers, including children. In prescribing such  
4 standards, the Secretary shall consider the impact of  
5 such standards on the use of motorcoach portals as  
6 a means of emergency egress.

7 (3) ROLLOVER CRASH AVOIDANCE.—The Sec-  
8 retary shall require motorcoaches to be equipped  
9 with stability enhancing technology, such as elec-  
10 tronic stability control and torque vectoring, to re-  
11 duce the number and frequency of rollover crashes  
12 among motorcoaches.

13 (c) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE TIRE PRESSURE  
14 MONITORING SYSTEMS.—Not later than 3 years after the  
15 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall prescribe  
16 the following commercial vehicle regulation:

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require  
18 motorcoaches to be equipped with direct tire pres-  
19 sure monitoring systems that warn the operator of  
20 a commercial motor vehicle when any tire exhibits a  
21 level of air pressure that is below a specified level of  
22 air pressure established by the Secretary.

23 (2) PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.—The regu-  
24 lation prescribed by the Secretary under this sub-  
25 section shall include performance requirements to

1 ensure that direct tire pressure monitoring systems  
2 are capable of—

3 (A) providing a warning to the driver when  
4 1 or more tires are underinflated;

5 (B) activating in a specified time period  
6 after the underinflation is detected; and

7 (C) operating at different vehicle speeds.

8 (d) APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS.—

9 (1) NEW MOTORCOACHES.—Any regulation pre-  
10 scribed in accordance with subsection (a), (b), or (c)  
11 shall apply to all motorcoaches manufactured more  
12 than 2 years after the date on which the regulation  
13 is published as a final rule.

14 (2) RETROFIT REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING  
15 MOTORCOACHES.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, by  
17 regulation, provide for the application of any re-  
18 quirement established under subsection (a) or  
19 (b)(2) to motorcoaches manufactured before the  
20 date on which the requirement applies to new  
21 motorcoaches under paragraph (1) based on an  
22 assessment of the feasibility, benefits, and costs  
23 of retrofitting the older motorcoaches.

24 (B) ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary shall  
25 complete an assessment with respect to safety

1 belt retrofits not later than 1 year after the  
2 date of enactment of this Act and with respect  
3 to anti-ejection countermeasure retrofits not  
4 later than 2 years after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act.

6 (e) **FAILURE TO MEET DEADLINE.**—If the Secretary  
7 determines that a final rule cannot be issued before the  
8 deadline established under this section, the Secretary  
9 shall—

10 (1) submit a report to the Committee on Com-  
11 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate  
12 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the  
13 House of Representatives that explains why the  
14 deadline cannot be met; and

15 (2) establish a new deadline for the issuance of  
16 the final rule.

17 **SEC. 6323. STANDARDS FOR IMPROVED FIRE SAFETY.**

18 (a) **EVALUATIONS.**—Not later than 18 months after  
19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall ini-  
20 tiate the following rulemaking proceedings:

21 (1) **FLAMMABILITY STANDARD FOR EXTERIOR**  
22 **COMPONENTS.**—The Secretary shall establish re-  
23 quirements for fire hardening or fire resistance of  
24 motorcoach exterior components to prevent fire and  
25 smoke inhalation injuries to occupants.



1           (2) SMOKE SUPPRESSION.—The Secretary shall  
2           update Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard  
3           Number 302 (49 C.F.R. 571.302; relating to flam-  
4           mability of interior materials) to improve the resist-  
5           ance of motorcoach interiors and components to  
6           burning and permit sufficient time for the safe evac-  
7           uation of passengers from motorcoaches.

8           (3) PREVENTION OF, AND RESISTANCE TO,  
9           WHEEL WELL FIRES.—The Secretary shall establish  
10          requirements—

11                 (A) to prevent and mitigate the propaga-  
12                 tion of wheel well fires into the passenger com-  
13                 partment; and

14                 (B) to substantially reduce occupant  
15                 deaths and injuries from such fires.

16          (4) AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION.—The Sec-  
17          retary shall establish requirements for motorcoaches  
18          to be equipped with highly effective fire suppression  
19          systems that automatically respond to and suppress  
20          all fires in such motorcoaches.

21          (5) PASSENGER EVACUATION.—The Secretary  
22          shall establish requirements for motorcoaches to be  
23          equipped with—

24                 (A) improved emergency exit window, door,  
25                 roof hatch, and wheelchair lift door designs to

1 expedite access and use by passengers of  
2 motorcoaches under all emergency cir-  
3 cumstances, including crashes and fires; and

4 (B) emergency interior lighting systems,  
5 including luminescent or retroreflectorized de-  
6 lineation of evacuation paths and exits, which  
7 are triggered by a crash or other emergency in-  
8 cident to accomplish more rapid and effective  
9 evacuation of passengers.

10 (6) CAUSATION AND PREVENTION OF MOTOR-  
11 COACH FIRES.—The Secretary shall examine the  
12 principal causes of motorcoach fires and vehicle de-  
13 sign changes intended to reduce the number of mo-  
14 torcoach fires resulting from those principal causes.

15 (b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 42 months after the  
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

17 (1) issue final rules in accordance with sub-  
18 section (a); or

19 (2) if the Secretary determines that any stand-  
20 ard is not warranted based on the requirements and  
21 considerations set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of  
22 section 30111 of title 49, United States Code, sub-  
23 mit a report that describes the reasons for not pre-  
24 scribing such a standard to—

1 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
2 and Transportation of the Senate; and

3 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
4 merce of the House of Representatives.

5 (c) TIRE PERFORMANCE STANDARD.—Not later than  
6 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
7 retary shall—

8 (1) issue a final rule upgrading performance  
9 standards for tires used on motorcoaches, including  
10 an enhanced endurance test and a new high-speed  
11 performance test; or

12 (2) if the Secretary determines that a standard  
13 is not warranted based on the requirements and con-  
14 siderations set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of  
15 section 30111 of title 49, United States Code, sub-  
16 mit a report that describes the reasons for not pre-  
17 scribing such a standard to—

18 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
19 and Transportation of the Senate; and

20 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
21 merce of the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 6324. OCCUPANT PROTECTION, COLLISION AVOID-**  
2 **ANCE, FIRE CAUSATION, AND FIRE EXTIN-**  
3 **GUISHER RESEARCH AND TESTING.**

4 (a) SAFETY RESEARCH INITIATIVES.—Not later than  
5 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary shall complete the following research and testing:

7 (1) IMPROVED FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.—The  
8 Secretary shall research and test the need to install  
9 improved fire extinguishers or other readily available  
10 firefighting equipment in motorcoaches to effectively  
11 extinguish fires in motorcoaches and prevent pas-  
12 senger deaths and injuries.

13 (2) INTERIOR IMPACT PROTECTION.—The Sec-  
14 retary shall research and test enhanced occupant im-  
15 pact protection standards for motorcoach interiors to  
16 reduce substantially serious injuries for all pas-  
17 sengers of motorcoaches.

18 (3) COMPARTMENTALIZATION SAFETY COUN-  
19 TERMEASURES.—The Secretary shall require en-  
20 hanced compartmentalization safety counter-  
21 measures for motorcoaches, including enhanced seat-  
22 ing designs, to substantially reduce the risk of pas-  
23 sengers being thrown from their seats and colliding  
24 with other passengers, interior surfaces, and compo-  
25 nents in the event of a crash involving a motorcoach.

1           (4) COLLISION AVOIDANCE SYSTEMS.—The Sec-  
2       retary shall research and test forward and lateral  
3       crash warning systems applications for  
4       motorcoaches.

5       (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 2 years after the  
6       completion of each research and testing initiative required  
7       under subsection (a), the Secretary shall issue final motor  
8       vehicle safety standards if the Secretary determines that  
9       such standards are warranted based on the requirements  
10      and considerations set forth in section subsections (a) and  
11      (b) of section 30111 of title 49, United States Code.

12      **SEC. 6325. MOTORCOACH REGISTRATION.**

13      (a)     REGISTRATION     REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
14      13902(b) is amended—

15            (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
16            (8) as paragraphs (4) through (11), respectively;  
17            and

18            (2) by inserting before paragraph (4), as reded-  
19            ignated, the following:

20            “(1)    ADDITIONAL    REGISTRATION    REQUIRE-  
21            MENTS FOR PROVIDERS OR MOTORCOACH SERV-  
22            ICES.—In addition to meeting the requirements  
23            under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary may not reg-  
24            ister a person to provide motorcoach services until  
25            after the person—

1           “(A) undergoes a preauthorization safety  
2           audit, including verification, in a manner suffi-  
3           cient to demonstrate the ability to comply with  
4           Federal rules and regulations, of—

5                   “(i) a drug and alcohol testing pro-  
6                   gram under part 40 of title 49, Code of  
7                   Federal Regulations;

8                   “(ii) the carrier’s system of compli-  
9                   ance with hours-of-service rules, including  
10                  hours-of-service records;

11                  “(iii) the ability to obtain required in-  
12                  surance;

13                  “(iv) driver qualifications, including  
14                  the validity of the commercial driver’s li-  
15                  cense of each driver who will be operating  
16                  under such authority;

17                  “(v) disclosure of common ownership,  
18                  common control, common management,  
19                  common familial relationship, or other cor-  
20                  porate relationship with another motor car-  
21                  rier or applicant for motor carrier author-  
22                  ity during the past 3 years;

23                  “(vi) records of the State inspections,  
24                  or of a Level I or V Commercial Vehicle

1 Safety Alliance Inspection, for all vehicles  
2 that will be operated by the carrier;

3 “(vii) safety management programs,  
4 including vehicle maintenance and repair  
5 programs; and

6 “(viii) the ability to comply with the  
7 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
8 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and the Over-  
9 the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility  
10 Act of 2007 (122 Stat. 2915);

11 “(B) has been interviewed to review safety  
12 management controls and the carrier’s written  
13 safety oversight policies and practices; and

14 “(C) through the successful completion of  
15 a written examination developed by the Sec-  
16 retary, has demonstrated proficiency to comply  
17 with and carry out the requirements and regu-  
18 lations described in subsection (a)(1).

19 “(2) PRE-AUTHORIZATION SAFETY AUDIT.—  
20 The pre-authorization safety audit required under  
21 paragraph (1)(A) shall be completed on-site not later  
22 than 90 days following the submission of an applica-  
23 tion for operating authority.

24 “(3) FEE.—The Secretary may establish, under  
25 section 9701 of title 31, a fee of not more than

1       \$1,200 for new registrants that as nearly as possible  
2       covers the costs of performing a preauthorization  
3       safety audit. Amounts collected under this sub-  
4       section shall be deposited in the Highway Trust  
5       Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account).”.

6       (b)       CONFORMING        AMENDMENT.—Section  
7       24305(a)(3)(A)(i) is amended by striking “section  
8       13902(b)(8)(A)”       and       inserting       “section  
9       13902(b)(11)(A)”.

10       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11       this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of enact-  
12       ment of this Act.

13       **SEC. 6326. IMPROVED OVERSIGHT OF MOTORCOACH SERV-**  
14       **ICE PROVIDERS.**

15       Section 31144 is further amended by adding at the  
16       end the following:

17       “(i) PERIODIC SAFETY REVIEWS OF PROVIDERS OF  
18       MOTORCOACH SERVICES.—

19               “(1) SAFETY REVIEW.—

20                       “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

21                               “(i) determine the safety fitness of all  
22                               providers of motorcoach services registered  
23                               with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Ad-  
24                               ministration; and



1                   “(ii) assign a safety fitness rating to  
2                   each such provider.

3                   “(B) APPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph (A)  
4                   shall apply—

5                   “(i) to any provider of motorcoach  
6                   services registered with the Administration  
7                   after the date of enactment of the Motor  
8                   Carrier Safety, Efficiency, and Account-  
9                   ability Act of 2012 beginning not later  
10                  than 2 years after the date of such reg-  
11                  istration; and

12                  “(ii) to any provider of motorcoach  
13                  services registered with the Administration  
14                  on or before the date of enactment of that  
15                  Act beginning not later than 3 years after  
16                  the date of enactment of that Act.

17                  “(2) PERIODIC REVIEW.—The Secretary shall  
18                  establish, by regulation, a process for monitoring the  
19                  safety performance of each provider of motorcoach  
20                  services on a regular basis following the assignment  
21                  of a safety fitness rating, including progressive inter-  
22                  vention to correct unsafe practices.

23                  “(3) ENFORCEMENT STRIKE FORCES.—In addi-  
24                  tion to the enhanced monitoring and enforcement ac-  
25                  tions required under paragraph (2), the Secretary

1       may organize special enforcement strike forces tar-  
2       geting providers of motorcoach services.

3               “(4) PERIODIC UPDATE OF SAFETY FITNESS  
4       RATING.—In conducting the safety reviews required  
5       under this subsection, the Secretary shall reassess  
6       the safety fitness rating of each provider not less  
7       frequently than once every 3 years.

8               “(5) MOTORCOACH SERVICES DEFINED.—In  
9       this subsection, the term ‘provider of motorcoach  
10      services’ has the meaning given such term in section  
11      6321 of the Motor Carrier Safety, Efficiency, and  
12      Accountability Act of 2012.”.

13   **SEC. 6327. REPORT ON FEASIBILITY, BENEFITS, AND COSTS**  
14                   **OF ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF CERTIFI-**  
15                   **CATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

16       Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-  
17      ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to  
18      the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
19      of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and  
20      Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that de-  
21      scribes the feasibility, benefits, and costs of establishing  
22      a system of certification of public and private schools and  
23      of motor carriers and motorcoach operators that provide  
24      motorcoach driver training.

1 **SEC. 6328. REPORT ON DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**  
2 **FOR 9- TO 15-PASSENGER VANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-  
5 mit a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
6 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
7 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives that examines requiring all or certain classes  
9 of drivers operating a vehicle, which is designed or used  
10 to transport not fewer than 9 and not more than 15 pas-  
11 sengers (including a driver) in interstate commerce, to  
12 have a commercial driver's license passenger-carrying en-  
13 dorsement and be tested in accordance with a drug and  
14 alcohol testing program under part 40 of title 49, Code  
15 of Federal Regulations.

16 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the report  
17 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider—

18 (1) the safety benefits of the requirement de-  
19 scribed in subsection (a);

20 (2) the scope of the population that would be  
21 impacted by such requirement;

22 (3) the cost to the Federal Government and  
23 State governments to meet such requirement; and

24 (4) the impact on safety benefits and cost from  
25 limiting the application of such requirement to cer-

1           tain drivers of such vehicles, such as drivers who are  
2           compensated for driving.

3   **SEC. 6329. EVENT DATA RECORDERS.**

4           (a) EVALUATION.—Not later than 1 year after the  
5   date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, after consid-  
6   ering the performance requirements for event data record-  
7   ers for passenger vehicles under part 563 of title 49, Code  
8   of Federal Regulations, shall complete an evaluation of  
9   event data recorders, including requirements regarding  
10  specific types of vehicle operations, events and incidents,  
11  and systems information to be recorded, for event data  
12  recorders to be used on motorcoaches used by motor car-  
13  riers in interstate commerce.

14          (b) STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS.—Not later than  
15  2 years after completing the evaluation required under  
16  subsection (a), the Secretary shall issue standards and  
17  regulations based on the results of that evaluation.

18   **SEC. 6330. SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL**  
19                                   **MOTOR VEHICLES OF PASSENGERS.**

20          Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
21  of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a rulemaking pro-  
22  ceeding to consider requiring States to conduct annual in-  
23  spections of commercial motor vehicles designed or used  
24  to transport passengers, including an assessment of—

1           (1) the risks associated with improperly main-  
2           tained or inspected commercial motor vehicles de-  
3           signed or used to transport passengers;

4           (2) the effectiveness of existing Federal stand-  
5           ards for the inspection of such vehicles in—

6                   (A) mitigating the risks described in para-  
7                   graph (1); and

8                   (B) ensuring the safe and proper operation  
9                   condition of such vehicles; and

10           (3) the costs and benefits of a mandatory State  
11           inspection program.

12 **SEC. 6331. DISTRACTED DRIVING.**

13           (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 311 is  
14           further amended by adding at the end the following:

15 **“§ 31152. Regulation of the use of distracting devices**  
16 **in motorcoaches**

17           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
18           date of enactment of the Motor Carrier Safety, Efficiency,  
19           and Accountability Act of 2012, the Secretary of Trans-  
20           portation shall prescribe regulations on the use of elec-  
21           tronic or wireless devices, including cell phones and other  
22           distracting devices, by an individual employed as the oper-  
23           ator of a motorcoach (as defined in section 6321 of that  
24           Act).

1           “(b) BASIS FOR REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall  
2 base the regulations prescribed under subsection (a) on  
3 accident data analysis, the results of ongoing research,  
4 and other information, as appropriate.

5           “(c) PROHIBITED USE.—Except as provided under  
6 subsection (d), the Secretary shall prohibit the use of the  
7 devices described in subsection (a) in circumstances in  
8 which the Secretary determines that their use interferes  
9 with a driver’s safe operation of a motorcoach.

10           “(d) PERMITTED USE.—The Secretary may permit  
11 the use of a device that is otherwise prohibited under sub-  
12 section (c) if the Secretary determines that such use is  
13 necessary for the safety of the driver or the public in emer-  
14 gency circumstances.”.

15           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for  
16 chapter 311 is amended by inserting after the item relat-  
17 ing to section 31151 the following:

“31152. Regulation of the use of distracting devices in motorcoaches.”.

18 **SEC. 6332. REGULATIONS.**

19           Any standard or regulation prescribed or modified  
20 pursuant to part 2 of subtitle C of the Motor Carrier Safe-  
21 ty, Efficiency, and Accountability Act of 2012 shall be pre-  
22 scribed or modified in accordance with section 553 of title  
23 5, United States Code.

