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To amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment and enforcement by States of certain laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Drunk Driving Repeat
5 Offender Prevention Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES TO PRE-**
2 **VENT REPEAT INTOXICATED DRIVING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 167. Use of ignition interlock devices to prevent re-**
7 **peat intoxicated driving**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION.—The term
10 ‘alcohol concentration’ means grams of alcohol per
11 100 milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per 210
12 liters of breath.

13 “(2) DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED; DRIVING
14 UNDER THE INFLUENCE.—The terms ‘driving while
15 intoxicated’ and ‘driving under the influence’ mean
16 driving or being in actual physical control of a motor
17 vehicle in a State while having a blood alcohol con-
18 centration of 0.08 percent or greater.

19 “(3) IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE.—The term
20 ‘ignition interlock device’ means an in-vehicle device
21 that requires a driver to provide a breath sample
22 prior to the motor vehicle starting, and that prevents
23 a motor vehicle from starting if the alcohol con-
24 centration of the driver is above the legal limit.

25 “(4) MOTOR VEHICLE.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘motor vehi-
2 cle’ means a vehicle driven or drawn by me-
3 chanical power and manufactured primarily for
4 use on public highways.

5 “(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘motor vehi-
6 cle’ does not include—

7 “(i) a vehicle operated solely on a rail
8 line; or

9 “(ii) a commercial vehicle.

10 “(b) LAWS REQUIRING IGNITION INTERLOCK DE-
11 VICES.—A State meets the requirements of this subsection
12 if the State has enacted and is enforcing a law that re-
13 quires throughout the State the installation of an ignition
14 interlock device for a minimum of 180 days on each motor
15 vehicle operated by an individual who is convicted of driv-
16 ing while intoxicated or driving under the influence.

17 “(c) WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FOR NONCOMPLI-
18 ANCE.—

19 “(1) FISCAL YEAR 2014.—On October 1, 2013,
20 the Secretary shall withhold 1 percent of the amount
21 required to be apportioned to a State under each of
22 sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(3), and 104(b)(4) if the
23 State does not meet the requirements of subsection
24 (b).

1 “(2) FISCAL YEAR 2015.—On October 1, 2014,
2 the Secretary shall withhold 3 percent of the amount
3 required to be apportioned to a State under each of
4 sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(3), and 104(b)(4) if the
5 State does not meet the requirements of subsection
6 (b).

7 “(3) FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND THEREAFTER.—On
8 October 1, 2015, and on October 1 of each fiscal
9 year thereafter, the Secretary shall withhold 5 per-
10 cent of the amount required to be apportioned to a
11 State under each of sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(3),
12 and 104(b)(4) if the State does not meet the re-
13 quirements of subsection (b).

14 “(d) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF WITHHELD
15 FUNDS; EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE AND NONCOMPLI-
16 ANCE.—

17 “(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF WITHHELD
18 FUNDS.—Any funds withheld under subsection (c)
19 from apportionment to a State shall remain available
20 for apportionment to the State until the end of the
21 third fiscal year following the fiscal year for which
22 the funds are authorized to be appropriated.

23 “(2) APPORTIONMENT OF WITHHELD FUNDS
24 AFTER COMPLIANCE.—If, before the last day of the
25 period for which funds withheld under subsection (c)

1 from apportionment are to remain available for ap-
2 portionment to a State under paragraph (1), the
3 State meets the requirements of subsection (b), the
4 Secretary shall, on the first day on which the State
5 meets the requirements of subsection (b), apportion
6 to the State the funds withheld under subsection (c)
7 that remain available for apportionment to the
8 State.

9 “(3) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF SUBSE-
10 QUENTLY APPORTIONED FUNDS.—Any funds appor-
11 tioned pursuant to paragraph (2)—

12 “(A) shall remain available for expenditure
13 until the end of the third fiscal year following
14 the fiscal year in which the funds are so appor-
15 tioned; and

16 “(B) if not apportioned at the end of that
17 period, shall lapse.

18 “(4) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—If, at the
19 end of the period for which funds withheld under
20 subsection (c) from apportionment are available for
21 apportionment to a State under paragraph (1), the
22 State does not meet the requirements of subsection
23 (b), the funds shall lapse.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
2 chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by
3 adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 167. Use of ignition interlock devices to prevent repeat intoxicated driving.”.

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