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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 16, 2011

Mr. TOOMEY 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 “Stopping Intrusive
5 Government Now Act of 2011” or the “SIGN Act of
6 2011”.

7 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL MANDATES FOR TRAF-**
8 **FIC SIGN RETROREFLECTIVITY.**

9 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that it is the responsi-
10 bility of State and local governments to determine whether

1 traffic signs of the State and local governments should
2 provide necessary levels of retroreflectivity.

3 (b) PROHIBITION ON STANDARD.—The Secretary of
4 Transportation (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
5 retary”) shall not promulgate, implement, or enforce a
6 minimum retroreflectivity level standard for a traffic con-
7 trol device that is applicable to a State or local govern-
8 ment.

9 (c) MODIFICATION OF MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAF-
10 FIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.—
11 The Secretary shall modify the Manual on Uniform Traf-
12 fic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, 2009 Edi-
13 tion (incorporated by reference in part 655 of title 23,
14 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of
15 enactment of this Act)), to eliminate—

16 (1) the minimum retroreflectivity level stand-
17 ards for traffic control devices contained in section
18 2A.08 of that Manual; and

19 (2) the schedule for the implementation of the
20 standards contained in table I–2 of the Manual.

21 (d) REPEAL.—Section 406 of the Department of
22 Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
23 1993 (Public Law 102–388; 106 Stat. 1564) is amended

- 1 by striking “to include—” and all that follows through
- 2 “(b) a standard” and inserting “to include a standard”.

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