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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself 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 “Protecting Americans
5 from the Risks of Keyless Ignition Technology Act” or the
6 “PARK IT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF**
2 **SYSTEMS AND ROLLAWAY PREVENTION**
3 **TECHNOLOGY IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

8 (2) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-
9 turer” has the meaning given the term in section
10 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

11 (3) MOTOR VEHICLE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “motor vehi-
13 cle” has the meaning given the term in section
14 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

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

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

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

24 (iii) for purposes of subsection (b), a
25 battery electric vehicle.

1 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Transportation.

3 (b) AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VE-
4 HICLES.—

5 (1) FINAL RULE.—

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

18 (B) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—

19 (i) IN GENERAL.—The period referred
20 to in subparagraph (A) is the period des-
21 ignated by the Secretary as necessary to
22 prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

23 (ii) DIFFERENT PERIODS.—The Sec-
24 retary may designate different periods
25 under clause (i) for different types of

1 motor vehicles, depending on the rate at
2 which the motor vehicle emits carbon mon-
3 oxide, if—

4 (I) the Secretary determines a
5 different period is necessary for a type
6 of motor vehicle for purposes of sec-
7 tion 30111 of title 49, United States
8 Code; and

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

13 (2) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1)
14 shall become effective on September 1 of the first
15 calendar year beginning after the date on which the
16 Secretary issues that rule.

17 (c) PREVENTING MOTOR VEHICLES FROM ROLLING
18 AWAY.—

19 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 2 years
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
21 retary shall issue a final rule amending part 571 of
22 title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to require
23 manufacturers to install technology to prevent move-
24 ment of motor vehicles equipped with keyless igni-
25 tion devices and automatic transmissions if—

1 (A) the transmission of the motor vehicle
2 is not in the park setting;

3 (B) the motor vehicle does not exceed the
4 speed determined by the Secretary under para-
5 graph (2);

6 (C) the seat belt of the operator of the
7 motor vehicle is unbuckled;

8 (D) the service brake of the motor vehicle
9 is not engaged; and

10 (E) the door for the operator of the motor
11 vehicle is open.

12 (2) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary shall de-
13 termine the maximum speed at which a motor vehi-
14 cle may be safely locked in place under the condi-
15 tions described in subparagraphs (A), (C), (D), and
16 (E) of paragraph (1) to prevent vehicle rollaways.

17 (3) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1)
18 shall become effective on September 1 of the first
19 calendar year beginning after the date on which the
20 Secretary issues that rule.

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