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H. R. 2962

To amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment of certain laws to prevent the use of automated traffic enforcement systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2019

Mr. WRIGHT 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 “Traffic Camera Free-
5 dom Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF AUTOMATED TRAF-**
2 **FIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS.**

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 **“§ 171. Prohibition on the use of automated traffic**
7 **enforcement systems**

8 “(a) LAWS PROHIBITING AUTOMATED TRAFFIC EN-
9 FORCEMENT SYSTEMS.—A State meets the requirements
10 of this subsection if the State has enacted and is enforcing
11 a law that prohibits the use of automated traffic enforce-
12 ment systems.

13 “(b) WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FOR NONCOMPLI-
14 ANCE.—On October 1 of the first year after enactment,
15 and on October 1 of each fiscal year thereafter, the Sec-
16 retary shall withhold 50 percent of the amount required
17 to be apportioned to a State under each of paragraphs
18 (1) and (2) of section 104(b) if the State does not meet
19 the requirements of subsection (a).

20 “(c) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF WITHHELD
21 FUNDS; EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE AND NONCOMPLI-
22 ANCE.—

23 “(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF WITHHELD
24 FUNDS.—Any funds withheld under subsection (b)
25 from apportionment to a State shall remain available
26 for apportionment to the State until the end of the

1 third fiscal year following the fiscal year for which
2 the funds are authorized to be appropriated.

3 “(2) APPORTIONMENT OF WITHHELD FUNDS
4 AFTER COMPLIANCE.—If, before the last day of the
5 period for which funds withheld under subsection (b)
6 from apportionment are to remain available for ap-
7 portionment to a State under paragraph (1), the
8 State meets the requirements of subsection (a), the
9 Secretary shall, on the first day on which the State
10 meets the requirements of subsection (a), apportion
11 to the State the funds withheld under subsection (b)
12 that remain available for apportionment to the
13 State.

14 “(3) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF SUBSE-
15 QUENTLY APPORTIONED FUNDS.—Any funds appor-
16 tioned pursuant to paragraph (2)—

17 “(A) shall remain available for expenditure
18 until the end of the third fiscal year following
19 the fiscal year in which the funds are so appor-
20 tioned; and

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

23 “(4) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—If, at the
24 end of the period for which funds withheld under
25 subsection (b) from apportionment are available for

1 apportionment to a State under paragraph (1), the
2 State does not meet the requirements of subsection
3 (a), the funds shall lapse.

4 “(d) DEFINITION OF AUTOMATED TRAFFIC EN-
5 FORCEMENT SYSTEM.—In this section, the term ‘auto-
6 mated traffic enforcement system’ has the meaning given
7 such term in section 402(c)(4)(B) of title 23, United
8 States Code.”.

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

“171. Prohibition on the use of automated traffic enforcement systems.”.

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