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# H. R. 2231

To prohibit the sale, lease, or use of recalled motor vehicles by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## A BILL

To prohibit the sale, lease, or use of recalled motor vehicles by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

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 “Shielding All Federal  
5 Employees and Consumers from Actionable Recall Situa-  
6 tions Act of 2021” or the “SAFE CARS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SALE, LEASE, OR USE OF RE-**  
2 **CALLED MOTOR VEHICLES BY FEDERAL**  
3 **AGENCIES.**

4 (a) MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY FEDERAL AGEN-  
5 CIES.—If the head of an agency of the Federal Govern-  
6 ment has received notification under section 30119 of title  
7 49, United States Code, that a motor vehicle owned by  
8 the agency, or an item of replacement equipment used in  
9 or on the vehicle, contains a defect related to motor vehicle  
10 safety or does not comply with an applicable motor vehicle  
11 safety standard prescribed under chapter 301 of such  
12 title—

13 (1) the head of the agency may not—

14 (A) sell the vehicle unless—

15 (i) if a remedy for the defect or non-  
16 compliance has been made available by the  
17 manufacturer at the time of sale, the de-  
18 fect or noncompliance has been remedied  
19 as required under section 30120 of such  
20 title; or

21 (ii) if a remedy for the defect or non-  
22 compliance has not been made available by  
23 the manufacturer at the time of sale, the  
24 head of the agency notifies the purchaser  
25 of the vehicle of the defect or noncompli-  
26 ance before the time of sale; or

1 (B) enter into an agreement to lease the  
2 vehicle to an individual or entity unless—

3 (i) if a remedy for the defect or non-  
4 compliance has been made available by the  
5 manufacturer at the time when the agree-  
6 ment is entered into, the defect or non-  
7 compliance has been remedied as required  
8 under section 30120 of such title; or

9 (ii) if a remedy for the defect or non-  
10 compliance has not been made available by  
11 the manufacturer at the time when the  
12 agreement is entered into, the head of the  
13 agency notifies the individual or entity of  
14 the defect or noncompliance before such  
15 time;

16 (2) in the case in which the head of the agency  
17 has entered into an agreement to lease the vehicle to  
18 an individual or entity, and such agreement has not  
19 expired at the time of the notification, the head of  
20 the agency shall—

21 (A) notify such individual or entity that  
22 the agency has received such notification; and

23 (B) in the case in which such individual or  
24 entity is not the head of an agency of the Fed-

1           eral Government, encourage such individual or  
2           entity to make all reasonable efforts to—

3                   (i) have the defect or noncompliance  
4                   remedied as required under section 30120  
5                   of such title; and

6                   (ii) prevent the use of such vehicle  
7                   until the defect or noncompliance has been  
8                   remedied as required under section 30120  
9                   of such title; and

10           (3) the head of the agency shall make all rea-  
11           sonable efforts to prevent the use of such vehicle by  
12           individuals of the agency until the defect or non-  
13           compliance has been remedied as required under sec-  
14           tion 30120 of such title, unless the head of the agen-  
15           cy makes a written determination that use of the ve-  
16           hicle by individuals of the agency is necessary for a  
17           critical mission purpose and that such purpose out-  
18           weighs any risks to health and safety caused by  
19           using the vehicle before the defect or noncompliance  
20           is remedied as required under section 30120 of such  
21           title.

22           (b) MOTOR VEHICLES LEASED BY FEDERAL AGEN-  
23           CIES.—If an entity notifies the head of an agency of the  
24           Federal Government that such entity has received a notifi-  
25           cation under section 30119 of title 49, United States

1 Code, that a vehicle leased by the entity to the head of  
2 the agency, or an item of replacement equipment used in  
3 or on the vehicle, contains a defect related to motor vehicle  
4 safety or does not comply with an applicable motor vehicle  
5 safety standard prescribed under chapter 301 of such title,  
6 the head of the agency shall make all reasonable efforts  
7 to prevent the use of such vehicle by individuals of the  
8 agency until the defect or noncompliance has been rem-  
9 edied as required under section 30120 of such title, unless  
10 the head of the agency makes a written determination that  
11 use of the vehicle by individuals of the agency is necessary  
12 for a critical mission purpose and that such purpose out-  
13 weighs any risks to health and safety caused by using the  
14 vehicle before the defect or noncompliance is remedied as  
15 required under section 30120 of such title.

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