

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7527

AN ACT

To direct the United States Postal Service to issue regulations requiring Postal Service employees and contractors to report to the Postal Service traffic crashes involving vehicles carrying mail that result in injury or death, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mail Traffic Deaths
3 Reporting Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS ON TRAFFIC CRASH DEATHS AND IN-**
5 **JURIES INVOLVING VEHICLES TRANS-**
6 **PORTING MAIL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Postmaster General of
9 the Postal Service shall issue regulations to require the
10 collection, tracking, and public reporting of information
11 related to deaths and injuries resulting from traffic crash-
12 es involving vehicles transporting mail. Such regulations
13 shall establish appropriate mechanisms to monitor and en-
14 force compliance with the reporting requirements of this
15 Act and may utilize existing reporting mechanisms in use
16 at the time of enactment of this Act.

17 (b) REPORTS ON CRASHES.—

18 (1) EMPLOYEES.—Any employee of the Postal
19 Service engaged in the transportation of mail shall
20 report to the Postal Service any traffic crash involv-
21 ing the vehicle the employee was operating during
22 such transportation that resulted in injury or death
23 not later than three days after such crash.

24 (2) CONTRACTORS.—Any contractor (of any
25 tier) of the Postal Service engaged in the transpor-
26 tation of mail shall report to the Postal Service any

1 traffic crash involving the vehicle the contractor was
2 operating during such transportation that resulted
3 in injury or death not later than three days after
4 such crash.

5 (3) CONTENTS.—Any report submitted under
6 paragraph (1) or (2) shall include detailed informa-
7 tion describing, at a minimum, the crash, including
8 the date, time, location, nature of the crash, infor-
9 mation identifying the contractor, number of inju-
10 ries, fatalities, and any contributing factors to the
11 crash. An employee or contractor (as the case may
12 be) shall update the report, in such form and man-
13 ner as the Postal Service deems appropriate, to re-
14 flect any change in crash-caused injuries or fatali-
15 ties.

16 (4) ACCOMMODATIONS IN EVENT OF INJURY.—
17 The Postal Service shall provide for procedures
18 under which reports may be submitted under this
19 subsection under an alternative deadline in the event
20 a Postal Service employee or contractor is unable to
21 submit a report due to serious injury resulting from
22 the applicable crash.

23 (5) STANDARD FORM.—The Postmaster Gen-
24 eral shall create a standard form available to Postal

1 Service employees and contractors for the purposes
2 of submitting reports under this subsection.

3 (c) DATABASE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Postal Service shall
5 maintain a continuously updated internal digital
6 database that includes comprehensive information
7 related to deaths and injuries from traffic crashes
8 involving vehicles transporting mail.

9 (2) CONTENTS.—The database shall include
10 any information provided by Postal Service employ-
11 ees and contractors under subsection (b).

12 (d) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Postal Service shall
14 make available to the public an annual report sum-
15 marizing information related to deaths and injuries
16 from traffic crashes involving vehicles transporting
17 mail.

18 (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include ag-
19 gregated statistics, trends, and analysis to enhance
20 transparency and accountability.

21 (3) PRIVACY.—Information in the report shall
22 be made available to the public in a manner that
23 does not personally identify any Postal Service em-
24 ployee, contractor, or any other individual.

1 (e) PENALTIES.—Any Postal Service contractor who
2 fails to report a traffic crash within the deadline pre-
3 scribed under subsection (b) shall be subject to appro-
4 priate penalties as determined appropriate by the Postal
5 Service, including fines, suspension of contracts, or termi-
6 nation of contracts. The Postal Service may take into ac-
7 count the severity of the applicable traffic crash and the
8 frequency of noncompliance with the requirements of this
9 Act by the applicable Postal Service contractor when de-
10 termining which penalty to apply (if any).

11 (f) CRASH DEFINED.—In this Act, the term
12 “crash”—

13 (1) means an occurrence involving a commercial
14 motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate
15 or intrastate commerce which results in—

16 (A) a fatality;

17 (B) bodily injury to a person who, as a re-
18 sult of the injury, immediately receives medical
19 treatment away from the scene of the accident;
20 or

21 (C) one or more motor vehicles incurring
22 disabling damage as a result of the accident, re-
23 quiring at least one of the motor vehicle to be
24 transported away from the scene by a tow truck
25 or other motor vehicle; and

1 (2) does not include—

2 (A) an occurrence involving only boarding

3 and alighting from a stationary motor vehicle;

4 or

5 (B) an occurrence involving only the load-

6 ing or unloading of cargo.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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