

Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act

Compromise

Requires DOT Action to Implement NTSB Safety Recommendations-
Recommendations That Have Languished for Decades

Motor Carrier Oversight:

- Systematic safety reviews, ratings, and audits of motorcoach companies*
- Annual safety inspections
- Increase review and penalties to stop reincarnated carriers*

Occupant Protection:

- Lap/shoulder seat belts at all seating positions to keep passengers in their seats and in the motorcoach*
- Advanced window glazing to prevent passenger ejection*
- Stronger roof standard to prevent crush and intrusion in a crash*
- Better passenger compartmentalization to protect in a crash
- Improved occupant protection to reduce injuries from impacts with surfaces inside the motorcoach

Safe Drivers:

- Physical fitness oversight and medical certification of motorcoach drivers*
- Driver training standard*
- Cell phones and other distracting devices prohibited*

Fire Safety:

- Built-in automatic fire suppression systems to limit spread of fires
- Improvements to suppress fuel-system fires
- Better equipment to fight fires effectively
- Updated emergency exit designs and interior lighting to expedite passenger evacuation

Tire Safety:

- Tire pressure monitoring that performs at all speeds, on all surfaces, and during all weather conditions*
- Performance standards for tires

Safety Technology:

- Added stability technology to prevent motorcoach rollover*
- On-board recorders to enforce federal driving limits and reduce driver fatigue*
- Event data recorders to monitor and record vehicle operations, events and incidents*
- Collision avoidance systems



* An asterisk denotes provisions that require DOT to issue a final rule or amends current law. All other provisions require DOT to initiate rulemaking or call for the completion of research and testing.



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