

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA

At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17___. REGULATIONS ON TRAFFIC CRASH DEATHS**
2 **AND INJURIES INVOLVING VEHICLES TRANS-**
3 **PORTING MAIL.**

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

14 (b) REPORTS ON CRASHES.—

15 (1) EMPLOYEES.—Any employee of the Postal
16 Service engaged in the transportation of mail shall
17 report to the Postal Service any traffic crash involv-
18 ing the vehicle the employee was operating during

1 such transportation that resulted in injury or death
2 not later than three days after such crash.

3 (2) CONTRACTORS.—Any contractor (of any
4 tier) of the Postal Service engaged in the transpor-
5 tation of mail shall report to the Postal Service any
6 traffic crash involving the vehicle the contractor was
7 operating during such transportation that resulted
8 in injury or death not later than three days after
9 such crash.

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

21 (4) ACCOMMODATIONS IN EVENT OF INJURY.—
22 The Postal Service shall provide for procedures
23 under which reports may be submitted under this
24 subsection under an alternative deadline in the event
25 a Postal Service employee or contractor is unable to

1 submit a report due to serious injury resulting from
2 the applicable crash.

3 (5) STANDARD FORM.—The Postmaster Gen-
4 eral shall create a standard form available to Postal
5 Service employees and contractors for the purposes
6 of submitting reports under this subsection.

7 (c) DATABASE.—

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

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

16 (d) REPORT.—

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

22 (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include ag-
23 gregated statistics, trends, and analysis to enhance
24 transparency and accountability.

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

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

15 (f) CRASH DEFINED.—In this section, the term
16 “crash”—

17 (1) means an occurrence involving a commercial
18 motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate
19 or intrastate commerce which results in—

20 (A) a fatality;

21 (B) bodily injury to a person who, as a re-
22 sult of the injury, immediately receives medical
23 treatment away from the scene of the accident;

24 or

1 (C) one or more motor vehicles incurring
2 disabling damage as a result of the accident, re-
3 quiring at least one of the motor vehicle to be
4 transported away from the scene by a tow truck
5 or other motor vehicle; and

6 (2) does not include—

7 (A) an occurrence involving only boarding
8 and alighting from a stationary motor vehicle;
9 or

10 (B) an occurrence involving only the load-
11 ing or unloading of cargo.

