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SEC. 2. RULEMAKING TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF SYSTEMS AND ROLLAWAY PREVENTION TECHNOLOGY IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) KEY.—The term “key” has the meaning given the term in section 571.114 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

(2) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufacturer” has the meaning given the term in section 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

(3) MOTOR VEHICLE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “motor vehicle” has the meaning given the term in section 30102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “motor vehicle” does not include—

(i) a motorcycle or trailer (as those terms are defined in section 571.3 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations) (or successor regulations);

(ii) any motor vehicle that is rated at more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicular weight; or

(iii) for purposes of subsection (b), a battery electric vehicle.
(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

(b) AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.—

(1) FINAL RULE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a final rule amending section 571.114 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 114), to require manufacturers to install in each motor vehicle equipped with a keyless ignition device and an internal combustion engine technology to automatically shut off the motor vehicle after the motor vehicle has idled for the period designated under subparagraph (B).

(B) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The period referred to in subparagraph (A) is the period designated by the Secretary as necessary to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

(ii) DIFFERENT PERIODS.—The Secretary may designate different periods under clause (i) for different types of
motor vehicles, depending on the rate at
which the motor vehicle emits carbon mon-
oxide, if—

(I) the Secretary determines a
different period is necessary for a type
of motor vehicle for purposes of sec-
tion 30111 of title 49, United States
Code; and

(II) requiring a different period
for a type of motor vehicle is con-
sistent with the prevention of carbon
monoxide poisoning.

(2) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1)
shall become effective on September 1 of the first
calendar year beginning after the date on which the
Secretary issues that rule.

(c) PREVENTING MOTOR VEHICLES FROM ROLLING
AWAY.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 2 years
after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
retary shall issue a final rule amending part 571 of
title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to require
manufacturers to install technology to prevent move-
ment of motor vehicles equipped with keyless igni-
tion devices and automatic transmissions if—
(A) the transmission of the motor vehicle is not in the park setting;

(B) the motor vehicle does not exceed the speed determined by the Secretary under paragraph (2);

(C) the seat belt of the operator of the motor vehicle is unbuckled;

(D) the service brake of the motor vehicle is not engaged; and

(E) the door for the operator of the motor vehicle is open.

(2) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary shall determine the maximum speed at which a motor vehicle may be safely locked in place under the conditions described in subparagraphs (A), (C), (D), and (E) of paragraph (1) to prevent vehicle rollaways.

(3) DEADLINE.—The rule under paragraph (1) shall become effective on September 1 of the first calendar year beginning after the date on which the Secretary issues that rule.