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Inhofe Amendment Includes Data Access Advisory Committee

The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation has adopted an amendment to establish a federal advisory committee comprised of aftermarket representatives and other stakeholders.

The amendment, offered by Sen. James M. Inhofe, R-Okla., was added to Senate Bill (SB) 1885, the American Vision for Safer Transportation Through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START) Act.

Included in the scope of the Committee is a review of data access and cybersecurity issues. In consultation with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Committee will produce a comprehensive report on vehicle data, intellectual property protections, customer privacy, cybersecurity, vehicle safety, etc., within two years.

In addition, the amendment requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study of the technologies currently available to remove data that may be personally identifiable or attributable to an individual from used vehicles upon their sale to a new owner or from leased or rented vehicles at the completion of the lease or rental contract.

U.S. Congressman Seeks Data Access AV Language

U.S. Congressman Earl "Buddy" Carter, R-Ga., is currently developing an automotive data access bill that will create a stakeholder committee at the U.S. Department of Transportation, allowing policymakers to hear from all sides of the automated vehicle (AV) discussion and ensure the independent repairer has a seat at the table.

Both the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will be involved with the committee.

If enacted, Carter's bill would establish a congressional advisory committee comprised of representatives of the automotive aftermarket and other affected stakeholders. The committee is tasked with producing a comprehensive report on vehicle data, intellectual property protections, customer privacy, cybersecurity, vehicle safety, etc., within two years' time. One of the advisory committee's members would be a representative of the independent repair sector.

This bill acknowledges the rapidly changing nature of automotive technology and would provide much needed insight to Congress, as well as federal regulators. ASA supports this bill and encourages all interested parties to visit <http://cqrcengage.com/asashop/CarterAlert> to send a

letter in support of Carter's bill to their member of Congress.

Federal Insurance Office Update

The U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs has approved SB 2155, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which addresses numerous issues with the Dodd-Frank law.

ASA has been working to assure that the Federal Insurance Office (FIO) remains in statute. To reform Dodd-Frank, U.S. House passed legislation includes language that will repeal the FIO. SB 2155 does not contain FIO repeal language. ASA will continue to work with the Senate to protect FIO on the floor once the bill is considered.

Missouri Bill Seeks to Repeal Vehicle Safety Law

Missouri's vehicle safety inspection law has been profiled as the model for state vehicle safety inspection for many years. Missouri Rep. J. Eggleston, R-2, recently introduced House Bill (HB) 1444. If enacted, this legislation would repeal Missouri's vehicle safety inspection program. In 2015, ASA hosted a forum in St. Louis to draw attention to the importance of vehicle safety inspections by incorporating input from all segments of the automotive industry, including state vehicle administrators, policymakers, automotive repairers and other sectors of the automotive industry.

Missouri and other state studies have shown the value of these vehicle safety inspection programs in terms of saving lives, preventing injuries and damage to property. Regular vehicle safety inspections by a qualified technician can identify and repair most safety issues that arise from normal wear and tear on the vehicle. If enacted, this bill will eliminate a program specifically designed to protect the motoring public.

ASA opposes HB 1444 and encourages all interested parties in Missouri to visit TakingTheHill.com and click "Alerts" to contact their state representatives in opposition.

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