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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. FISCHER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Uniform Vehicle Safety Standards Act of 2026''.

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to ensure the uniform application of motor vehicle safety standards prescribed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration pursuant to chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code; and

(2) to relieve the unreasonable burden on interstate commerce of allowing suits at common law to supplant such motor vehicle safety standards.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON LIABILITY BASED ON FAILURE TO EXCEED APPLICABLE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS.

Section 30103(e) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''does not exempt'' and inserting ''shall exempt''; and

(2) by inserting ''for failure to exceed such standard'' after ''common law''.