Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act

S. 554 and H.R. 1396

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

Occupant Protection:

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

Motor Carrier Oversight:

- Systematic safety reviews, ratings, and audits of motorcoach companies

Safe Drivers :

- Physical fitness oversight and medical certification of motorcoach drivers
- Stricter CDL testing requirement
- Driver training standard

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

Safety Technology:

- Added stability technology to prevent motorcoach rollover
- Enhanced conspicuity to make motorcoaches more visible to other highway users
- On-board recorders to enforce federal driving limits and reduce driver fatigue
- Event data recorders to monitor and record vehicle operations, events and incidents
- Adaptive cruise control to provide collision warning and braking

Tire Safety:

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