AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7527

OFFERED BY MR. COMER OF KENTUCKY

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Mail Traffic Deaths3 Reporting Act of 2024".

4 SEC. 2. REGULATIONS ON TRAFFIC CRASH DEATHS AND IN5 JURIES INVOLVING VEHICLES TRANS6 PORTING MAIL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the 7 date of enactment of this Act, the Postmaster General of 8 9 the Postal Service shall issue regulations to require the 10 collection, tracking, and public reporting of information 11 related to deaths and injuries resulting from traffic crash-12 es involving vehicles transporting mail. Such regulations shall establish appropriate mechanisms to monitor and en-13 14 force compliance with the reporting requirements of this 15 Act and may utilize existing reporting mechanisms in use at the time of enactment of this Act. 16

17 (b) REPORTS ON CRASHES.—

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(1) EMPLOYEES.—Any employee of the Postal
 Service engaged in the transportation of mail shall
 report to the Postal Service any traffic crash involv ing the vehicle the employee was operating during
 such transportation that resulted in injury or death
 not later than three days after such crash.

7 (2) CONTRACTORS.—Any contractor (of any
8 tier) of the Postal Service engaged in the transpor9 tation of mail shall report to the Postal Service any
10 traffic crash involving the vehicle the contractor was
11 operating during such transportation that resulted
12 in injury or death not later than three days after
13 such crash.

14 (3) CONTENTS.—Any report submitted under paragraph (1) or (2) shall include detailed informa-15 16 tion describing, at a minimum, the crash, including 17 the date, time, location, nature of the crash, infor-18 mation identifying the contractor, number of inju-19 ries, fatalities, and any contributing factors to the 20 crash. An employee or contractor (as the case may 21 be) shall update the report, in such form and man-22 ner as the Postal Service deems appropriate, to re-23 flect any change in crash-caused injuries or fatalities. 24

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1 (4) ACCOMMODATIONS IN EVENT OF INJURY.— 2 The Postal Service shall provide for procedures 3 under which reports may be submitted under this 4 subsection under an alternative deadline in the event 5 a Postal Service employee or contractor is unable to 6 submit a report due to serious injury resulting from 7 the applicable crash.

8 (5) STANDARD FORM.—The Postmaster Gen9 eral shall create a standard form available to Postal
10 Service employees and contractors for the purposes
11 of submitting reports under this subsection.

12 (c) DATABASE.—

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

18 (2) CONTENTS.—The database shall include
19 any information provided by Postal Service employ20 ees and contractors under subsection (b).

21 (d) Report.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Postal Service shall
make available to the public an annual report summarizing information related to deaths and injuries

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from traffic crashes involving vehicles transporting
 mail.

3 (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include ag4 gregated statistics, trends, and analysis to enhance
5 transparency and accountability.

6 (3) PRIVACY.—Information in the report shall
7 be made available to the public in a manner that
8 does not personally identify any Postal Service em9 ployee, contractor, or any other individual.

10 (e) PENALTIES.—Any Postal Service contractor who fails to report a traffic crash within the deadline pre-11 12 scribed under subsection (b) shall be subject to appro-13 priate penalties as determined appropriate by the Postal Service, including fines, suspension of contracts, or termi-14 15 nation of contracts. The Postal Service may take into account the severity of the applicable traffic crash and the 16 frequency of noncompliance with the requirements of this 17 18 Act by the applicable Postal Service contractor when determining which penalty to apply (if any). 19

20 (f) CRASH DEFINED.—In this Act, the term 21 "crash"—

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

25 (A) a fatality;

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(B) bodily injury to a person who, as a re-1 2 sult of the injury, immediately receives medical 3 treatment away from the scene of the accident; 4 or 5 (C) one or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, re-6 7 quiring at least one of the motor vehicle to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck 8 or other motor vehicle; and 9 10 (2) does not include— (A) an occurrence involving only boarding 11 and alighting from a stationary motor vehicle; 12 13 or 14 (B) an occurrence involving only the load-15 ing or unloading of cargo.

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