



H.RES. 964 – RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE SAFE OPERATION OF 15-PASSENGER VANS

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 964 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative John Duncan (R-TN) on February 7, 2008. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure agreed to the bill, as amended, by voice vote on February 28, 2008.

H.Res. 964 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 30, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 964 resolves that the House of Representatives recognizes the need for awareness regarding the increased risks of driving 15-passenger vans and encourages any operator of such a vehicle or person who provides transportation on such a vehicle to provide adequate training for drivers and safety information, including the necessity for wearing seat belts, to passengers.

BACKGROUND

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were 1,090 fatalities to occupants of 15 passenger vans between 1997 and 2006. The NHTSA estimates that approximately 530 of these fatalities were caused by preventable single rollover crashes of these vans. Additionally, 91% of occupants wearing seatbelts survive 15 passenger van single rollover crashes.

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