

Rearview camera regs moving forward

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The Transportation Department is moving forward with long awaited regulations designed to prevent children from being backed over.

After years of delay, the agency's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) submitted a revamped version of the regulations to the White House on Christmas Day, [according to records](#) kept by the Office of Management and Budget.

The rule would require automakers to install rearview cameras or similar technology in all cars, in accordance with the Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act of 2007.

"The Act requires that NHTSA expand the required field of view to enable the driver of a motor vehicle to detect areas behind the motor vehicle to reduce death and injury resulting from backing incidents, particularly incidents involving small children and disabled persons," the administration said in a notice posted Dec. 25.

By law, the department was supposed to issue the regulations in 2011. But the Transportation Department pulled back last year, claiming it needed until 2015 to conduct further analysis.

Safety advocates say as many as two children are killed per week in back-over accidents, and filed a lawsuit shortly after that delay was announced. They accuse the administration of breaking the law by slowing down the rule, and argue the delay has cost children's lives.

The language of the rule has not been released, though the 2007 statute calls for standards that could be met by "additional mirrors, sensors, cameras, or other technology to expand the driver's field of view."

The regulation is considered economically significant in that it would cost at least \$100 million annually to implement.

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