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## Lowey Introduces Ignition Interlock Legislation

Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY) has introduced legislation (HR 5025) that would withhold federal-aid highway funds for states that have not enacted and are not enforcing a law that requires the installation of an ignition interlock device for a minimum of 180 days on each motor vehicle operated by an individual who is convicted of driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence. The amount of federal-aid highway funds withheld from apportionment are scheduled as:

- 1 percent for states that do not meet the requirements of the Act by October 1, 2014
- 3 percent for states that do not meet the requirements of the Act by October 1, 2015
- 5 percent for states that do not meet the requirements of the Act by October 1, 2016 and thereafter

The Act defines the terms for "driving while intoxicated and driving under the influence" as well as "ignition interlock device."

Any funds withheld from apportionment to a state shall remain available for apportionment to the State until the end of the third fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the funds are authorized to be apportioned.

While this legislation is still in its infancy, AAMVA advises its membership regarding any legislation that could potentially impact federal-aid funding as

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soon as possible. AAMVA has provided a summary of this legislation, along with other legislation of importance to the AAMVA membership through the [Government Affairs](#) section of the AAMVA Web site. If you have questions or comments regarding the legislation, please contact AAMVA's Senior Manager of Government Affairs at [ccashin@aamva.org](mailto:ccashin@aamva.org).



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