

## SEC. 6. COMMITTEE ON UNDERRIDE PROTECTION.

(a) Establishment.—The Secretary of Transportation shall establish the Committee on Underride Protection (referred to in this section as the “Committee”) to oversee the ongoing underride rulemaking process. The Secretary shall provide a process for the public to make recommendations for individuals who will serve on this Committee. An Ad-Hoc Task Force comprised of 6 families, who have lost loved ones due to truck underride, will review the list of candidates and make recommendations for the Committee membership to the Secretary for the Secretary's final approval – including a Chairperson who will be chosen from among the family members of the Committee. The appointments will be made in a timely manner so that the first quarterly meeting will be held within three months of the passing of this bill.

(b) Representation.—The members of the Committee will sign a Member Agreement Form which will indicate their willingness to inform themselves about the underride issue, share their relevant knowledge, disclose any conflict-of-interest, recuse themselves from discussions or votes which involve such conflicts-of-interest, fully participate, and step down if they are unable to fulfill this agreement. The Committee shall be composed of—

- (1) trailer manufacturers (1);
- (2) tractor/truck manufacturers (1);
- (3) single unit truck industry (1);
- (4) motor vehicle engineers, including technicians who work on motor vehicle safety improvements (1);
- (5) motor vehicle crash reconstructionists (1);
- (6) consumer-oriented and Vision Zero-focused traffic safety organizations (1);
- (7) truck drivers (1)
- (8) representatives from police or fire departments that have worked on crash reports related to crashes with compartment intrusion from underride (1);
- (9) representatives from the truck and auto insurance industry (1);
- (10) attorneys who have represented victims of truck underride (1);
- (11) public health or injury prevention professionals (1);
- (12) Emergency Medical Services providers (1);
- (13) Families who have been impacted by an underride crash (4)

(c) Meetings.—The Committee shall meet **to review progress reports – which will be posted by NHTSA and FMCSA on the Federal Register** at least one week prior to the meeting – **and make recommendations —**

(1) until the final rules have been issued pursuant to section 30129 of title 49, United States Code, as added by section 4—

(A) monthly, via conference call, **to discuss relevant concerns on the rulemaking;** and

(B) quarterly, in person, at the Department of Transportation headquarters, **with the public welcome to attend, make comments, and ask questions – including participation via a webinar or similar technology – to be scheduled at least one month in advance and announced publicly and with copies of the progress report made available;** and

(2) subsequent to the issuance of the final rules described in paragraph (1), annually, at the Department of Transportation headquarters, to assess the status of underride crash protection.

(d) Annual Report.—The Committee shall submit an annual report to the appropriate congressional committees that describes the progress made by the Secretary of Transportation in meeting the rulemaking deadlines set forth in section 30129 of title 49, United States Code, as added by section 4.