

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1387

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KEATHLEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 226, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to wrong-way vehicle detection systems.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 226, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 226.1250, to read as follows:

226.1250. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Alexander Whalen Safe Highways Act".

2. As used in this section, the term "wrong-way vehicle detection system" or "WWVDS" means a system consisting of radar sensors and thermal cameras for vehicle detection, wrong-way and do not enter signs enhanced with light-emitting diodes, and real-time alerts to department traffic management centers and law enforcement.

3. The department of transportation shall implement WWVDSs beginning no later than March 1, 2026. The department shall prioritize the installation of WWVDSs at high-risk highway interchanges, beginning with:

(1) The intersection of westbound Interstate 64 and Jefferson Avenue; and

(2) Other interchanges identified by the department through crash and traffic data as being prone to wrong-way driving.

4. WWVDSs shall be integrated with dynamic message signs to allow warnings to be displayed to other drivers in the area.

5. The department shall develop a system to automatically notify emergency responders upon detection of a wrong-way driver.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **6. The department shall perform a statewide educational campaign to inform**
18 **drivers about wrong-way driving risks and safety measures.**

19 **7. Beginning December 31, 2026, and annually thereafter, the department shall**
20 **provide to the general assembly, and shall present to the joint committee on**
21 **transportation oversight at its first scheduled meeting of each year, a report on the**
22 **implementation and effectiveness of WWVDSs, which shall include:**

23 **(1) The number and locations of systems currently implemented;**

24 **(2) The number and locations of systems planned to be implemented, with an**
25 **anticipated date of implementation;**

26 **(3) The effect on wrong-way driving incidents and fatalities;**

27 **(4) The cost-effectiveness of implemented systems; and**

28 **(5) Any adjustments to implementation strategies to be made based on these or**
29 **other factors.**

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