

HB 1387 -- WRONG-WAY VEHICLE DETECTION SYSTEMS

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This bill establishes the "Alexander Whalen Safe Highways Act", requiring the Department of Transportation to implement wrong-way vehicle detection systems (WWVDSs), as defined in the act. Implementation will begin no later than March 1, 2026, and will prioritize high-risk interchanges, as specified in the act.

WWVDSs will be integrated with dynamic message signs to alert other drivers in the area, and the Department will develop a system to automatically notify emergency responders in the event of a wrong-way driver. The Department will perform a statewide education campaign to inform drivers about wrong-way driving risks and safety measures, and will annually report to the General Assembly and Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight regarding the implementation and effectiveness of WWVDSs.

This bill is the same as SB 672 (2025).