

# A Bill to Mandate A Driving Exam Reassessment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** To improve road safety, all citizens with a full automobile license will  
2 be reassessed on the written and practical exams every ten years.  
3 Reassessments shall be completed up to a month after a driver's  
4 birthday.
- 5 A. Reasons for possible delays for the exams include, but are not  
6 limited to, health-related conflicts and legal obligations.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** A full automobile license shall be defined as the final stage of the  
8 licensing process that allows unrestricted driving privileges. Once a  
9 driver receives a full automobile license, they are no longer under  
10 the restrictions of provisional licenses.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation  
12 of this legislation.
- 13 B. The necessary funds to implement this legislation will be  
14 collected through income taxes.
- 15 C. These funds will go towards the construction of facilities that  
16 will administer the exams, as well as their operation and  
17 maintenance.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2025. All  
19 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
20 void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Phillipsburg High School.*

# A Bill to Recognize Hawai'i as a Sovereign Nation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The State of Hawai'i is hereby recognized as a sovereign nation and withdrawn from the United States  
3 of America. The United States will be allowed to use its military installations in Hawai'i if, and only if, the  
4 United States provides defense for the island nation.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States and the sovereign nation of Hawai'i will have a relationship resembling the Compact of  
6 Free Associated States. The State of Hawai'i is defined to include the eight main Hawaiian Islands (Hawai'i,  
7 Maui, Lāna'i, Kāho'olawe, Moloka'i, O'ahu, Kāua'i, and Ni'ihau), the territorial waters, and the remaining  
8 islands of the Hawai'ian Island archipelago are considered sovereign territory of the nation of Hawai'i.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Interior, the United States Department of State, and the United  
10 States Department of Defense will be tasked with the implementation of this bill. Funding for this piece  
11 of legislation will be determined by the Congressional Budget Office and implemented as needed by the  
12 Appropriations Committee.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into full effect by January 1, 2021.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation, namely United States Public Law 86-3, are hereby  
15 considered null and void following the enactment of this piece of legislation.

*Introduced by the Hawai'i District*

# A Bill to Prevent Employers from Using Employees' Social Media Presence Against Them

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Employers will be prohibited from seeking employees' social media  
2 accounts and using their media against them. Employees are not required  
3 to give employers their personal social media to monitor their accounts.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Social Media will be defined as any and all publicly made posts made on  
5 personal time and accounts.  
6 Employees include all working and potential applicants in all regions of  
7 work.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement and  
9 implementation of this bill.  
10 A. If caught in violation of this legislation, employers will be subject to a  
11 fine of \$10,000, which will double for each subsequent violation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in January 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shelby Manning of Hunterdon Central Regional High School.*

# A Bill to Modernize the House of Representatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996 is hereby  
3 repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** Providers of interactive computer services shall be treated as the  
5 publisher or speaker of any information provided by their users. Such  
6 providers shall be legally responsible for their users' actions and speech if  
7 those actions or speech may otherwise violate the law or be subject to  
8 private lawsuits.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee implementation of this  
10 legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on January 1, 2024.

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Randolph High School.*

# A Bill to Protect Creative and Intellectual Rights Through Fair AI Usage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The unscrupulous use of AI for monetization, impersonation, and all other  
2                   harmful applications shall be banned.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   A.   Unscrupulous AI use shall be defined as but is not limited to artificial  
4                   intelligence aimed to spread misinformation, undermine human-made  
5                   art, or imitate such art for financial, social, or legal gains.  
6                   B.   Harmful applications shall be defined but are not limited to artificial  
7                   intelligence used to devalue or hinder authentic art.
- 8   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation of  
9                   this legislation.  
10                  A.   Individuals who violate the terms of this legislation will be fined \$2,500  
11                  for their first offense and \$5,000 for any subsequent offenses.  
12                  B.   Companies or large corporations that violate the terms of this  
13                  legislation will be fined \$15,000 for their first offense and \$30,000 for  
14                  any subsequent offenses.  
15                  C.   All funds collected through fines will be supplied to the Department of  
16                  Homeland Security to further their investigations.
- 17 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2025. All laws in  
18                   conflict with this legislation are hereby considered null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexander DeMarco of Phillipsburg High School.*

# A Bill to Strengthen U.S. Nuclear Energy Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will significantly expand its investment in nuclear power  
2 infrastructure, including the development and enhancement of U.S.  
3 nuclear power plants, to reduce dependency on foreign energy sources and  
4 make nuclear energy more accessible and affordable.

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear power plants refer to nuclear reactors designed to produce  
6 electricity for the national grid. "Significantly expanding investment"  
7 includes funding sufficient to construct 25 additional nuclear plants over  
8 the next decade, as well as covering the maintenance of current facilities.  
9 "Making nuclear energy more affordable" will involve subsidizing consumer  
10 costs to remain competitive with solar, wind, and other renewable energy  
11 sources.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will oversee the implementation of  
13 this bill.

14 A. The DOE will submit yearly progress reports to Congress.

15 B. If challenges arise, the DOE is authorized to allocate additional funds as  
16 needed to keep the project on schedule.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All conflicting laws are hereby  
18 repealed.

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.*

# A Resolution to Dispose of Spent Nuclear Fuel Under the Ocean Seabed

- 1       **WHEREAS,**       The United States has no sustainable long-term solution to storage of nuclear waste with the closure of  
2                                Yucca Mountain; and
- 3       **WHEREAS,**       Current methods of nuclear waste storage leave the United States susceptible to terrorist attacks; and
- 4       **WHEREAS,**       Sub-seabed disposal of spent nuclear fuel has been tested and deemed safe; and
- 5       **WHEREAS,**       A sustainable solution to store nuclear waste such as sub-seabed disposal removes a critical barrier to  
6                                support for and commercialization of nuclear energy; and
- 7       **WHEREAS,**       Nuclear energy is a clean energy source that is increasingly necessary in the face of accelerating climate  
8                                change; and
- 9       **WHEREAS,**       A sub-seabed disposal strategy would create thousands of jobs through innovation of spinoff technologies  
10                              such as autonomous underwater vehicles; now, therefore, be it
- 11       **RESOLVED,**       By the Congress here assembled that the United States Department of Energy should increase research  
12                              and development on sub-seabed disposal of nuclear waste.

*Introduced by the Colorado District*

# The Green Transition Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Over the course of three years, all federal subsidies currently allocated to  
2 the fossil fuel industry shall be redirected to support renewable energy  
3 initiatives.

4 **SECTION 2.** Renewable energy is defined as energy derived from natural sources that  
5 replenish without depletion. This includes, but is not limited to, solar, wind,  
6 and hydroelectric power.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Environmental Protection  
8 Agency (EPA) will be responsible for implementing and overseeing the  
9 reallocation of these funds.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025

11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.*





## A Bill to Implement The Gun Licensing Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All current and future gun owners are now subject to a 2 month period consisting of court appeals and a mental health check by certified psychiatrists in order to obtain a firearm license and have further restrictions imposed later on.
- A. After obtaining a license, these owners must have mental health checks by certified psychiatrists every year and will have a 5% increase in their federal income tax.
- B. Gun owners must also have a safe, restricted area in their homes to keep their guns. This must be reported to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, during the 2 month licensing period.
- C. Failure or an inability to abide by these restrictions will end in relieving the owner of their gun and license.
- SECTION 2.** Firearms are defined as any portable gun. This includes rifles, handheld guns, shotguns, pistols, etc.
- SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation will be decided through the Department of the Treasury. Taxes will be imposed through the IRS. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will oversee the enforcement of this legislation, except the tax mentioned in Section 2A.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sriya Bhamidipaty from Ridge High School*

# A Bill to Modernize the House of Representatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The number of seats in the United States House of Representatives shall  
3 be increased from 425 seats to 691 seats.

4 **SECTION 2.** The several States shall continue to be apportioned these seats using the  
5 same "equal proportions method" currently in use by the United States  
6 Census Bureau.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Census Bureau and Department of Commerce shall  
8 oversee implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on January 1, 2031 or after the  
10 completion of the next decennial census, whichever may occur last.

11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Randolph High School.*

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# A Bill to Classify E-Cigarettes as Schedule II Drugs to Fight Vape Abuse

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2           **SECTION 1.** Vaping will be made a schedule II drug that is prescription  
3 only so that it is only accessible to persons quitting nicotine.

4           **SECTION 2.** Prescription-only means that the item can only be made  
5 available to the patient by instruction of an authorized health  
6 professional.

7           **SECTION 3.** Vaping is defined as the use of e-cigarettes.

8           **SECTION 4.** Schedule II drugs, as defined by the DEA, are those with  
9 high potential for abuse, with use potentially leading to severe  
10 psychological or physical dependence and are dangerous.

11           **SECTION 5.** Punishments for being found in possession of vaping  
12 devices without a valid prescription will be decided by local and state  
13 governments.

14           **SECTION 6.** This legislation will be enforced by local and state police  
15 forces.

16           **SECTION 7.** Any smuggling and illegal distribution of vapes will be  
17 prosecuted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

18           **SECTION 8.** Any and all fines collected will go towards accessible  
rehabilitation programs for those addicted to vaping.

**SECTION 9.** This legislation will take effect on April 20, 2025. All laws in  
conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Siddhanta Mishra from Millburn High School.*

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# A Bill to Regulate the Use of Autonomous Vehicles in Commercial Transportation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Autonomous vehicles shall be prohibited from being utilized in commercial  
2 transportation services.

3 **SECTION 2.** Autonomous vehicles are defined as vehicles equipped with software and  
4 technology that enable them to operate without active human control.

5 Commercial transportation services refer to services where vehicles are  
6 hired or rented for temporary use by individuals or groups, including  
7 rideshares and taxis.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) shall be responsible for  
9 enforcing the provisions of this legislation and developing safety  
10 regulations to address potential software malfunctions in autonomous  
11 vehicles used in any other contexts.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective immediately after passage.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aditya Rai of Ridge High School.*

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**A BILL TO AUTHORIZE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS TO RUN AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall require a total of three academic tests with a minimum of 30 questions each in order to run in the election as a presidential candidate.

**SECTION 2.** Three academic tests are defined as a general standardized academic exam, an exam on the political history of the United States, and another exam on the political, law, and justice system of the United States.

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission and the Senate will be in charge of the implementation of this bill.

- A. The Senate will form the three academic tests, and have it approved by the House of Representatives.
- B. The Federal Election Commission will oversee the results of the tests to decide who is eligible for candidacy.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the next presidential election season.

**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bensalem High School*

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