



Bills To Require Breathalyzers In Cars, Mandatory Mental Health Assessments

Progressive liberal Democrat Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY) introduced two bills that have serious Constitutional implications. Her bills will encourage law enforcement into a police-state mentality that will be impossible to undo. □ TN Editor

If you thought the TAPS Act was bad, wait until you read this.

Our politicians are hard at work introducing bills that promise to turn America into a mirror image of China.

Rep. Kathleen Rice's H.R. 3374 bill, otherwise known as the End Drunk Driving Act, would put breathalyzers and ignition interlock devices in every new car.

According to the LI Herald, Rice wants to force auto manufacturers to put breathalyzers and ignition interlock devices in new cars by 2029.

“The End Drunk Driving Act would mandate that, within 10 years, all cars sold nationwide come equipped with technology that would detect a driver’s blood alcohol content and prevent the vehicle from moving if it is above the legal limit.”

With close to 280 million cars in the U.S. and over 226 million drivers licenses, nearly every American would be affected by this and other bills.

If Rice’s bill is passed it would effectively turn 226 million people into suspects.

SEC. 3. Advanced Technology To End Drunk Driving:

(a) In General.—Not later than 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a final rule prescribing or amending a Federal motor vehicle safety standard that would prevent operation of a motor vehicle when the operator is under the influence of alcohol. The standard—

(1) shall prevent the operation of the motor vehicle if the operator’s blood alcohol content is above the legal limit; and

(2) shall require such technology to be—

(A) reliable and accurate;

(B) set at the legal limit;

(C) unobtrusive and fast;

(D) tamper-proof/circumvention-resistant;

(E) functionary in extreme environments (both hot and cold); and

(F) easily maintained.

If Rice’s bill becomes law, then motorists in Utah, who have consumed one alcoholic beverage would not be allowed to drive.

As I reported last year, at least six states are considering criminalizing consuming one alcoholic beverage. Earlier this year, Michigan expressed their desire to do the same, bringing the total to seven states.

Rice's plans for law enforcement and accused drunk drivers will leave your head spinning in disbelief.

Rice's H.R. 7099 bill, otherwise known as the Prevent Impaired Driving Child Endangerment Act would force anyone convicted of a DWI with a child in the car, to undergo a mental health assessment.

The LI Herald states that every state would force law enforcement to give drivers mental health assessments or lose federal funding.

"Offenders would also be required to undergo an alcohol, substance abuse and mental health assessment and receive treatment if necessary. The case would be added to state child abuse registries and states that fail to comply could have certain federal funding withheld by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation."

Rice's claim that only motorists who have been convicted of DWI will be given mental health assessments is a lie. Why? Because it is already happening.

For the past three years, Police officers in Texas have been giving everyone they arrest, a mental health assessment.

"Once at jail, anyone who is arrested will be screened for mental illness. The jail will send those results to judges to consider when setting bond. The county will also start using a risk assessment tool to arrive at an estimated level of danger and flight risk posed by each defendant."

H.R. 7099 would turn America's police into psychologists with unimaginable powers.

"(D) A law that—

"(i) requires the individual, if convicted of the offense, to undergo an alcohol abuse, substance abuse, or mental health assessment; and

“(ii) if the assessment indicates a need for treatment, authorizes the appropriate court (or monitoring agency) to require the individual to undergo treatment as part of the individual’s sentence in connection with the conviction or as a condition for reissuance of a State driver’s license to the individual.

And if that wasn’t bad enough, Rice’s bill would turn drunk drivers into instant child abusers.

“(E) A law that requires, if the individual is convicted of the offense and is the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child passenger or is otherwise legally responsible for the child passenger, the law enforcement agency that charges the individual with the offense or the appropriate court to file with the appropriate State register of child abuse a report on the individual concerning the offense.

Turning people into instant child abusers for having one alcoholic beverage or being judged mentally unfit by law enforcement is appalling.

The TAPS Act, the End Drunk Driving Act and the Prevent Impaired Driving Child Endangerment Act are all indicators that America is headed down a dark and dangerous road.

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Self-Driving Cars Could Disrupt The Airline Industry

Technocrats who promised that their self-driving cars would solve major urban transportation problems never thought the overall consequences of their actions. Airlines may be disrupted and studies have already shown that urban congestion is increasing, not decreasing. □ TN Editor

As driverless cars [become more capable and more common](#), they will change people's travel habits not only around their own communities but across much larger distances. Our research has revealed just how much people's travel preferences could shift, and found a new potential challenge to the airline industry.

Imagine someone who lives in Atlanta and needs to travel to Washington, D.C., for business. This is [about a 10-hour drive](#). A flight

takes about two hours, assuming no delays. Add to that the drive to the airport, checking in, the security line and waiting at the gate. Upon arrival in D.C., it may take another 30 minutes to pick up any checked bags and find a rental car—and even more time to drive to the specific destination. The average person would estimate a total travel time of [four to five hours](#). Most people would choose to fly instead of driving themselves.

However, if they could [have a fully driverless car](#) take them there, the choice changes. Passengers could eat, drink, work and sleep during the 10-hour drive. They could leave whenever they want, and pack whatever they want—including liquids and pocketknives—with no searches or scans. When they get to D.C., they wouldn't have to find a rental car and navigate to the actual place they're going.

Which would you choose? Now imagine the self-driving car has a reclining seat with actual legroom, or even a bed. It's more than a little tempting.

What do consumers say?

As [experts](#) in [public opinion research](#), we know that the American public [loves how quickly flights can cover large distances](#), but [hates the security checks, long lines, delays, risk of losing baggage](#) and overall hassle of the flying experience.

We also know that at the moment, most people are reluctant to ride in driverless vehicles—[including school buses](#) and [even ambulances](#) that could speed their treatment in an emergency. However, our data also shows that [as people learn about the benefits of driverless cars](#), they become more accepting of the new technology. Over time, people will feel comfortable using autonomous cars (and ambulances), just like they adjusted to riding in the first automobiles.

A future with driverless cars means people will have more options to avoid driving on their own, beyond trains and buses.

[In our study](#), we showed people trips of different lengths and asked them to choose whether they would rather drive themselves, take a flight or

ride in a self-driving car. In general, the data indicated that people always preferred driverless vehicles over manual driving. Taking a driverless car [got even more attractive](#) if people were told that after flying, they would need a rental car in their destination city.

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Psychology Today: Sex Robots And The End Of Civilization

With demographics already tanking in all Western nations, adding sex robots into the mix virtually guarantees to accelerate the trend and cause relationship dysfunction across the board. □ TN Editor

Imagine this: A totally realistic robot of your own design that is capable of fully carrying out any [sex](#) act that you can dream up. It looks, smells, and sounds incredibly realistic. And your state-sponsored insurance paid for her in full. In effect, she was free—prescribed by your physician to help with your status as officially “sexually dysfunctional.” Recent federal legislation, supported overwhelmingly by a male majority in the

House and Senate, has made this kind of medical prescription perfectly legal.

Robin the Robot never has a headache. It never gets a cold. It never rejects an advance. It is, perhaps strangely, beautiful in many respects. And, surprisingly, it is even seemingly [intelligent](#) and witty.

Sure, it sounds great on the surface.

And get this: According to expert clinical psychologist and sex therapist [Dr. Marianne Brandon](#), what I've described above is, in fact, a likely portrait of our near future. Welcome to the new world.

Sex Robots as Supernormal Stimuli

Earlier this month, I was fortunate to attend a special symposium on understanding mental health from an evolutionary perspective. This event, formally sponsored by the Applied [Evolutionary Psychology](#) Society ([AEPS](#)) and affiliated with the NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society ([NEEPS](#)), was eye-opening for the many scholars, practitioners, and students who were in attendance. And while all of the talks were provocative and engaging, I have to say that Dr. Brandon's presentation was something of a show-stopper.

When you think about things from an evolutionary perspective, the history of human technology largely becomes the history of developing supernormal stimuli for profit.

In the 1950s, renowned behavioral biologist Niko Tinbergen articulated the idea of a *supernormal stimulus*. A supernormal stimulus is essentially an exaggerated, often human-made version of some stimulus that organisms evolved to respond to in certain ways.

For instance, humans evolved taste preferences so as to desire high-fat foods because our ancestors regularly experienced drought and famine. A Big Mac is a human-created product that includes an amplification of high-fat food that would have been beyond the fat and caloric content of nearly any food that would have existed under ancestral human conditions. The Big Mac is a classic supernormal stimulus.

Same with [pornography](#). And video games. And so many cosmetic products that amplify attributes of faces and bodies that bear on Darwin's bottom line of reproductive success. Vibrant hair color and lip gloss are supernormal stimuli.

Importantly, as you can see, supernormal stimuli may well be deceitful. In the modern world of humans, supernormal stimuli are essentially hijackers. They are human-created technological products that hijack our evolved psychology in a way that leads to short-term emotional and/or physiological benefits. However, since these products are, at the end of the day, evolutionarily unnatural, they quite often do not lead to the long-term evolutionary benefits (such as strong connections with others and/or long-term reproductive gains) which pertain to why these stimuli evolved to be desired by humans in the first place. We can call this *evolutionary irony*.

In her presentation, Dr. Brandon rightfully pointed out that sex robots, when they arrive (and they will), will be the ultimate in human-created supernormal stimuli. And this could be a problem.

Potential Problems Associated with the Sex Robot Revolution

Is there a sex robot revolution on the horizon? In a few weeks, the city of Brussels will host the [4th International Conference on Love and Sex with Robots](#), so you tell me!

In her presentation at the AEPS symposium, Dr. Brandon made a strong case suggesting that sex robots are truly in development and on the way. Perhaps in a decade or two.

Brandon pointed out several potential problems that may well come along with the robots for the ride. These problems all make sense when we think of our evolved relationship psychology. Some of the potential problems that she pointed out are as follows:

- Men, who are disproportionately represented as consumers of pornography, will likely be over-represented as consumers of sex robots.
- Within committed relationships, sexual interactions, which are

apparently already on a nationwide decline, are likely to drop further in prevalence.

- [Intimacy](#) in relationships, which strongly maps onto both quantity and quality of sexual interactions within mateships, is likely to drop in quality as well.
- The prevalence of [marriage](#) and birth rates may well see declining numbers.
- [Motivation](#) for people to work on relationship problems within mateships will be naturally reduced.

In short, the advent of sex robot technology may well foreshadow, in many ways, the demise of intimate relationships in the modern world.

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