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S 1261

Consumer Product Safety Commission Reauthorization Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Commerce
Introduced: Jun 13, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. (Oct 6, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • State: AZ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Fitzgerald, Peter [R-IL]	$R \cdot IL$		Jun 13, 2003
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		Sep 25, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 26, 2003
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on August 26, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Consumer Product Safety Commission Reauthorization Act of 2003 - Amends the Consumer Product Safety Act to extend through FY 2007 the authorization of appropriations for the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Authorizes CPSC to hire and maintain a full-time equivalent staff of 471 persons in each of FY 2004 through 2007.

Revises provisions relating to an Executive Director, a General Counsel, and certain Associate Executive Directors for various CPSC Offices.

Authorizes CPSC to take certain actions otherwise required of a manufacturer, retailer, or distributor with respect to a product if: (1) CPSC staff makes a preliminary hazard determination that a product presents a substantial product hazard classified as a Class A or B product hazard, or CPSC makes a substantial product hazard determination classified as a Class A or B product hazard with respect to such a product; and (2) CPSC finds that notification of the hazard is in the public interest, and that the manufacturer, retailer, or distributor is financially unable to provide adequate notification. Authorizes appropriations for such CPSC-financed recalls.

Increases the maximum amount of certain civil penalties under the Act.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 6, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- Oct 1, 2003: Received in the House.
- Oct 1, 2003: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Oct 1, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- Sep 30, 2003: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S12210-12211; text as passed Senate: CR S12210-12211)
- Sep 30, 2003: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S12210-12211; text as passed Senate: CR S12210-12211)
- Aug 26, 2003: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/29/03 legislative day 07/21/03 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-128.
- Aug 26, 2003: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/29/03 legislative day 07/21/03 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-128.
- Aug 26, 2003: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 252.
- Jun 19, 2003: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Jun 13, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 13, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7877)
- Jun 13, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7877)