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American Home Fire Safety Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 10, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4233	Identical bill	May 6, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

American Home Fire Safety Act - Requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission to evaluate and report to Congress on: (1) the interaction of bedclothing with the mattress in a fire and methodologies to improve the fire resistance of these products; (2) the current risk candles create as an ignition source in the home and the effectiveness of and level of compliance with the ASTM International Standard Specification for Fire Safety for Candles.

Requires the Commission, if it has not promulgated a rule to improve the fire retardancy of upholstered furniture by June 1, 2005, to transmit a report to Congress explaining why such rule was not issued.

Requires the Commission, if it has not issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking regarding fire safe mattresses by June 1, 2005, to: (1) initiate a study to evaluate methodologies to improve fire resistance of such mattresses by June 30, 2005; (2) perform a comparative cost-benefit analysis of a mattress standard that would mandate 30-, 45-, and 60-minute flashover prevention; and (3) report its findings and recommendations to Congress.

Directs the Commission to create a registry of fire-retardant chemicals by June 1, 2005. Requires the registry to include: (1) a list of manufacturers producing fire-retardant chemicals for sale or use in or on Commission-regulated products sold or used in the United States; (2) a list of such chemicals for each manufacturer; (3) a ranking of sales of such chemicals by each manufacturer measured by volume of chemicals sold; and (4) a list of studies and reports on the human impact of such chemicals performed by those manufacturers.

Requires the Commission to submit an annual report to Congress on the results of the registry.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 10, 2004:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain under authority of the order of the Senate of 10/11/04 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Nov 10, 2004:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 798.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 108-964.
- **Oct 30, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 30, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 10/31/2003 S13661-13662)
- **Oct 30, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR 10/31/2003 S13662)

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