

HR 2693

Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

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Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2007
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 19, 2007
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jun 19, 2007
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2007
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 18, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HRES 678	Procedurally related	Sep 26, 2007: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Sep 26, 2007)

Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act - Directs the Secretary of Labor to promulgate: (1) within 90 days, an interim final standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl that applies to all locations in the flavoring manufacturing industry that manufacture, use, handle, or process diacetyl and all microwave popcorn production and packaging establishments that use diacetyl-containing flavors; and (2) within two years, if diacetyl is still being processed or utilized in facilities, a final standard that contains a short term exposure limit and a permissible exposure limit not exceeding the lowest feasible level and that applies to all facilities where diacetyl is processed or used. Gives the interim standard the legal effect of an occupational safety and health standard until the final standard becomes effective.

Requires such standards to provide no less protection than the recommendations contained in the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Alert "Preventing Lung Disease in Workers Who Use or Make Flavorings" and to include specified requirements for: (1) engineering, work practice controls, and respiratory protection to minimize exposure to diacetyl; (2) a written exposure control plan that will indicate specific measures the employer will take to minimize employee exposure; (3) airborne exposure assessments; (4) medical surveillance for workers and referral for prompt medical evaluations; (5) protective equipment and clothing for workers; and (6) the provision of written safety and health information and training to employees.

Requires NIOSH to study and report to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on food flavorings that may be used as substitutes for diacetyl.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2007:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 400.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Rule H. Res. 678 passed House.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 678. (consideration: CR H10920-10932)
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2693 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 678 and Rule XVIII.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Dennis A. Cardoza to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2693.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 678, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the George Miller (CA) amendment.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 678, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Wilson (SC) amendment.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2693.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H10931)
- **Sep 26, 2007:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text: CR H10928)
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 260 - 154, 2 Present (Roll no. 913).
- **Sep 26, 2007:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 260 - 154, 2 Present (Roll no. 913).
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2007:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 678 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2693 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and Labor. H. Rept. 110-239.
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 149.
- **Jun 20, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 20, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1279)
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.