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SAFE Energy Act of 2007

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Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 14, 2007
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 18, 2007
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 19, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 8, 2007
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 14, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3435	Text similarities	Sep 25, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
110 HR 1506	Related bill	Mar 14, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.
110 S 767	Related bill	Mar 6, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2701-2703)
110 S 768	Related bill	Mar 6, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (consideration: CR S2703-2706)

Security and Fuel Efficiency Energy Act of 2007 or the SAFE Energy Act of 2007 - Amends corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) provisions to revise the definition of: (1) "automobile" to mean any vehicle that is propelled by fuel, or by alternative fuel, and is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways (currently, four-wheeled vehicles that are so propelled and manufactured for such use and that are up to 6,000 pounds and certain vehicles between 6,000 and 10,000 pounds); and (2) "passenger automobile" to eliminate the exception for 4-wheel drive automobiles and vehicles weighing more than 6,000 pounds.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to: (1) prescribe separate increased minimum CAFE standards for different classes of automobiles manufactured beginning for model year 2012, but adds an increase of 4% per year in such standard for model years 2013 through 2030; and (2) establish CAFE standards for medium-duty trucks that are consistent with hybridization beginning for model year 2012.

Revises the calculation of fuel economy standards for dual fueled automobiles and gaseous fuel dual fueled automobiles manufactured in model year 2012 and beyond to require using the same calculation provisions as used for gas or diesel fueled vehicles. Repeals provisions allowing the Department of Transportation (DOT) to extend manufacturing credits for such automobiles.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) repeal the limitation on the number of new qualified hybrid and advanced lean burn technology vehicles eligible for the alternative motor vehicle credit; (2) extend, through 2011, the alternative vehicle credit for certain new qualified hybrid motor vehicles; and (3) allow a new qualified fuel-efficient motor vehicle credit and an advanced technology motor vehicles manufacturing credit.

Sets forth a special rule setting the maximum allowable gross weight for vehicles with a supplementary sixth axle using the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways at 97,000 pounds, provided highway safety is not negatively impacted.

Amends the Clean Air Act to prescribe the volume of renewable fuel and cellulosic biomass ethanol that gasoline sold in the United States must contain in calendar years 2008 through 2020.

Increases the alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit, with an additional increase for qualified alternative fuel vehicle refueling property that is a blender pump. Defines blender pump. Expands the types of allowable fuels.

Sets forth requirements regarding: (1) installation of ethanol-blend fuel pumps at covered gas stations; (2) increase in the percentage of dual-fueled automobiles manufactured in model years 2012 through 2022; and (3) establishment of biofuels incentives.

Permits: (1) the exploration for and extraction of hydrocarbon resources from any portion of any foreign exclusive economic zone contiguous to the exclusive economic zone of the United States; and (2) export without license authority all equipment necessary for the exploration for or extraction of such hydrocarbon resources.

Establishes within the National Security Council a Bureau of International Energy.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 12, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7508-7511)
- **May 8, 2007:** Committee on Appropriations Senate Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 110-260.
- **Mar 14, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3112-3113, S3127)
- **Mar 14, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3127-3133)