

S 3227

Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2012

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

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| Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC] | R · NC | | Nov 14, 2012 |
| Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO] | D · MO | | Nov 14, 2012 |
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| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV] | D · WV | | Dec 3, 2012 |
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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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| 112 HR 3395 | Related bill | Nov 10, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade. |

Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2012 - Directs the Secretary of Commerce to issue orders applicable to manufacturers of concrete masonry products (concrete) and to concrete importers, if such imports are subject assessment under the orders. Requires any such order to provide for the establishment of a Concrete Masonry Products Board, which shall carry out a program of promotion, research, and information regarding concrete products.

Requires any such order to provide that assessments shall be paid by concrete manufacturers with respect to concrete manufactured and marketed in the United States. Allows any such order to provide that assessments shall be paid by concrete products importers. Provides assessment rates. Requires at least 50% of the assessments paid by a manufacturer to be used to support research, education, and promotion plans and projects in support of the geographic region of the manufacturer. Directs the Secretary, during the 60-day period preceding the proposed effective date of an order, to conduct a referendum for order approval among the manufacturers and importers required to pay assessments under the order. Outlines referendum procedures.

Provides for petition and review of an order, and order enforcement through U.S. district courts. Authorizes the Secretary to conduct appropriate investigations in order to administer this Act (with power of subpoena). Directs the Secretary to suspend or terminate any order or provision that obstructs or does not tend to effectuate the purposes of this Act, or that is not favored by persons voting in a referendum.

Actions Timeline

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