

## S 3227

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

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 23, 2012

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (May 23, 2012)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 23, 2012
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 19, 2012
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 14, 2012
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Nov 14, 2012
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 26, 2012
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Dec 3, 2012
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Dec 13, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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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