

HR 4212

Drywall Safety Act of 2012

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Rep. Rivera, David [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Mar 22, 2012
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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Mar 22, 2012
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. West, Allen B. [R-FL-22]	R · FL		Apr 27, 2012
Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		May 8, 2012
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Aug 3, 2012
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Sep 19, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 22, 2012
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 19, 2012
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2012
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on December 21, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Drywall Safety Act of 2012 - (Sec. 2) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Commerce should insist that: (1) the government of China, which has ownership interests in the companies that manufactured and exported problematic drywall to the United States, facilitate a meeting between the companies and U.S. government representatives about remedying affected homeowners; and (2) such companies comply with any related U.S. court decisions.

(Sec. 3) Requires certain gypsum board labeling standards of ASTM International (formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials), as in effect on the day before the enactment of this Act, to be treated as a rule promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Provides procedures for: (1) ASTM International to notify the CPSC of any subsequent revision of such standards; and (2) the revised standards to become effective unless the CPSC, within a specified period, determines that the revisions do not adequately identify gypsum board by manufacturer and month and year of manufacture.

(Sec. 4) Requires the CPSC to promulgate a final rule concerning drywall manufactured or imported for domestic use that limits sulfur content to a level not associated with elevated rates of corrosion in the home. Provides exceptions, and means of enforcement as a rule, if the CPSC determines that a voluntary standard (developed by a specified Subcommittee on Specifications and Test Methods for Gypsum Products of ASTM International) is adequate to permit identification and publishes the determination in the Federal Register. Provides procedures for revision of such voluntary standards.

Allows the CPSC, at any time subsequent to publication of such a rule, to initiate a rulemaking to modify the sulfur content limit or include a provision relating only to drywall composition or characteristics that the CPSC determines is reasonably necessary to protect public health or safety.

(Sec. 5) Directs the CPSC to revise its "Remediation Guidance for Homes with Corrosion from Problem Drywall" to specify that problematic drywall removed pursuant to the guidance should not be reused or used as a component in production of new drywall.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 14, 2013:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 14, 2013:** Became Public Law No: 112-266.
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 1, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7530-7531)
- **Jan 1, 2013:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 378 - 37 (Roll no. 657).(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR 12/30/2012 H7448-7449)
- **Jan 1, 2013:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 378 - 37 (Roll no. 657). (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR 12/30/2012 H7448-7449)
- **Jan 1, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** Mr. Terry moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H7448-7450)
- **Dec 30, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4212.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Ms. Hochul objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Dec 27, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8377-8378)
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 20, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Mrs. Bono Mack moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6134-6137)
- **Sep 19, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4212.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6134-6135)
- **Sep 19, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6134-6135)
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 7, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.
- **May 7, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.
- **Mar 19, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 19, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.