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H. R. 1789

To ensure the safety of DOT–111 tank cars by improving standards for new tank cars and upgrading existing tank cars, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2015

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tank Car Safety and
5 Security Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. DOT-111 TANK CAR IMPROVEMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation shall revise regulations regarding DOT-111 tank
5 cars to—

6 (1) improve the tank car design standards for
7 new cars to include an outer steel jacket around the
8 tank car and thermal protection, full-height head
9 shields and high-flow capacity pressure relief valves;
10 and

11 (2) require additional safety upgrades to tank
12 cars built after October 2011 by including installa-
13 tion of high-flow-capacity relief valves and design
14 modifications to prevent bottom outlets from open-
15 ing in the case of an accident.

16 (b) SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS.—Not later than 1
17 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
18 trator of the Transportation Security Administration shall
19 issue such regulations as are necessary to enhance the se-
20 curity of tank cars by requiring that all rail safety coordi-
21 nators ensure that no tank car containing crude oil is left
22 unattended during any period of time that such tank car
23 is being transferred between railroad carriers or between
24 a railroad carrier and a shipper.

25 (c) PHASE OUT PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after
26 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-

1 portation shall submit a plan to the appropriate commit-
2 tees of Congress to phase out, on an aggressive basis,
3 older-model DOT-111 tank cars used to move flammable
4 liquids that are not retrofitted to meet new Federal re-
5 quirements established under this section.

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