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# H. R. 723

To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove an exemption from civil penalties for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2001

Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself and Mr. BOUCHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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. CIVIL PENALTIES.**

4       (a) **REPEAL OF AUTOMATIC REMISSION.**—Section  
5       234A b. (2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C.  
6       2282a(b)(2)) is amended by striking the last sentence.

7       (b) **LIMITATION FOR NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS.**—

8       Subsection d. of section 234A of the Atomic Energy Act  
9       of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2282a(d)) is amended to read as fol-  
10      lows:

1       “d. Notwithstanding subsection a., a contractor, sub-  
2 contractor, or supplier described in section 501(c)(3) of  
3 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax  
4 under section 501(a) of such Code shall not be subject  
5 to a civil penalty for a violation under subsection a. in  
6 excess of the amount of any discretionary fee paid to such  
7 contractor, subcontractor, or supplier under the contract  
8 under which such violation occurs.”.

9       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
10 this Act shall not apply to any violation of the Atomic En-  
11 ergy Act of 1954 occurring under a contract entered into  
12 before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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