

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2298

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to conduct a study on the public health and environmental impacts of the production, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum coke, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. KILDEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Petroleum Coke Trans-
5 parency and Public Health Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) In Detroit, piles of petroleum coke have
4 been stored in the open air on the banks of the De-
5 troit River.

6 (2) Domestic production of petroleum coke is
7 expected to increase if the Keystone XL pipeline is
8 constructed.

9 (3) State regulators, communities, and industry
10 stakeholders would benefit from a complete under-
11 standing of petroleum coke and the potential impact
12 on public health related to the production, transpor-
13 tation, storage, and use of petroleum coke.

14 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF PETROLEUM COKE PUBLIC HEALTH AND**
15 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.**

16 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
17 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
18 in consultation with the Administrator of the Environ-
19 mental Protection Agency, shall transmit to Congress the
20 results of a study regarding the public health and environ-
21 mental impacts of the production, transportation, storage,
22 and use of petroleum coke.

23 **SEC. 4. CONSOLIDATION OF PETROLEUM COKE RESEARCH.**

24 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
25 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
26 shall compile and publish on a publicly available website

1 the results of all federally conducted research related to
2 the public health and environmental impacts of the pro-
3 duction, transportation, storage, and use of petroleum
4 coke.

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