

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4738

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2014

Mr. PAYNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Tank Car Safety Act  
5        of 2014”.

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

7        (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
8        date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
9        tation shall revise regulations regarding DOT–111 tank  
10       cars to—

1           (1) improve such tank car design standards for  
2           new cars to include an outer steel jacket around the  
3           tank car and thermal protection, full-height head  
4           shields and high-flow capacity pressure relief valves;  
5           and

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

11          (b) PHASE OUT PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after  
12          the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-  
13          portation shall submit a plan to the appropriate commit-  
14          tees of Congress to phase out, on an aggressive basis,  
15          older-model DOT–111 tank cars used to move flammable  
16          liquids that are not retrofitted to meet new Federal re-  
17          quirements established under this section.

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