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H. R. 8121

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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and Transportation

AN ACT

To require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID–19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products and to direct the Secretary of Commerce to study and report on the effects of the COVID–19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in the United States.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Pandemic Effects on Home Safety and Tourism Act”.

4 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—COVID-19 HOME SAFETY

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Study and report on the effect of the COVID-19 public health emergency on injuries and deaths from consumer products.

TITLE II—PROTECTING TOURISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Study and report on effects of COVID-19 pandemic on travel and tourism industry in United States.

6 **TITLE I—COVID-19 HOME**
7 **SAFETY**

8 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “COVID-19 Home
10 Safety Act”.

11 **SEC. 102. STUDY AND REPORT ON THE EFFECT OF THE**
12 **COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ON**
13 **INJURIES AND DEATHS FROM CONSUMER**
14 **PRODUCTS.**

15 (a) **COVID-19 REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than
16 3 months after the date of enactment of this section and
17 every 3 months thereafter for the duration of the COVID-
18 19 public health emergency, the Consumer Product Safety
19 Commission shall submit to the Committee on Energy and
20 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Com-

1 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
2 Senate, and make publicly available, a report on the effect
3 of the COVID–19 public health emergency on injuries and
4 deaths from consumer products.

5 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report shall include
6 the following:

7 (1) Relevant data and statistics from—

8 (A) the data sources of the Commission;

9 (B) other appropriate agencies;

10 (C) media reports;

11 (D) poison control centers, to the extent
12 practical; and

13 (E) any other relevant data sources.

14 (2) An identification of trends in injuries and
15 deaths from consumer products, comparing data
16 from representative time periods before and during
17 the COVID–19 public health emergency.

18 (3) An identification of subpopulations that
19 have experienced elevated risk of injury or death
20 from consumer products during the COVID–19 pub-
21 lic health emergency, such as minorities, infants,
22 people with disabilities, children, or the elderly.

23 (4) An identification of where most injuries or
24 deaths from consumer products during the COVID–

1 19 public health emergency are taking place, such as
 2 the type of building or outdoor environment.

3 (5) A specification about whether consumer
 4 products associated with a substantial number of in-
 5 juries or deaths during the COVID–19 public health
 6 emergency are—

7 (A) under recall;

8 (B) subject to a voluntary consumer prod-
 9 uct safety standard; or

10 (C) subject to a mandatory consumer prod-
 11 uct safety standard.

12 (6) An identification of emerging consumer
 13 products that are posing new risks to consumers.

14 (c) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DE-
 15 FINED.—The term “COVID–19 public health emergency”
 16 means a public health emergency declared pursuant to sec-
 17 tion 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 18 247d) as a result of confirmed cases of 2019 novel
 19 coronavirus (COVID–19), including any renewal thereof.

20 **TITLE II—PROTECTING TOUR-**
 21 **ISM IN THE UNITED STATES**

22 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

23 This title may be cited as the “Protecting Tourism
 24 in the United States Act”.

1 **SEC. 202. STUDY AND REPORT ON EFFECTS OF COVID-19**
2 **PANDEMIC ON TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUS-**
3 **TRY IN UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consulta-
6 tion with the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory
7 Board and the head of any other Federal agency the Sec-
8 retary considers appropriate, shall complete a study on the
9 effects of the COVID–19 pandemic on the travel and tour-
10 ism industry, including various segments of the travel and
11 tourism industry, such as domestic, international, leisure,
12 business, conventions, meetings, and events.

13 (b) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In conducting
14 the study required by subsection (a) and the interim study
15 required by subsection (e)(1), the Secretary shall con-
16 sider—

17 (1) changes in employment rates in the travel
18 and tourism industry during the pandemic period;

19 (2) changes in revenues of businesses in the
20 travel and tourism industry during the pandemic pe-
21 riod;

22 (3) changes in employment and sales in indus-
23 tries related to the travel and tourism industry, and
24 changes in contributions of the travel and tourism
25 industry to such related industries, during the pan-
26 demic period;

1 (4) the effects attributable to the changes de-
2 scribed in paragraphs (1) through (3) in the travel
3 and tourism industry and such related industries on
4 the overall economy of the United States during the
5 pandemic period and the projected effects of such
6 changes on the overall economy of the United States
7 following the pandemic period; and

8 (5) any additional matters the Secretary con-
9 siders appropriate.

10 (c) CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT.—In con-
11 ducting the study required by subsection (a), the Secretary
12 shall—

13 (1) consult with representatives of—

14 (A) the small business sector;

15 (B) the restaurant or food service sector;

16 (C) the hotel and alternative accommoda-
17 tions sector;

18 (D) the attractions or recreations sector;

19 (E) the travel distribution services sector;

20 (F) destination marketing organizations;

21 (G) State tourism offices; and

22 (H) the passenger air, railroad, and rental
23 car sectors; and

24 (2) provide an opportunity for public comment
25 and advice relevant to conducting the study.

1 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
2 months after the date on which the study required by sub-
3 section (a) is completed, the Secretary, in consultation
4 with the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory
5 Board and the head of any other Federal agency the Sec-
6 retary considers appropriate, shall submit to the Com-
7 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
9 and Transportation of the Senate, and make publicly
10 available on the website of the Department of Commerce,
11 a report that contains—

12 (1) the results of such study; and

13 (2) policy recommendations for promoting and
14 assisting the travel and tourism industry.

15 (e) INTERIM STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than
16 3 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary, after consultation with relevant stakeholders, in-
18 cluding the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory
19 Board, shall—

20 (1) complete an interim study, which shall be
21 based on data available at the time when the study
22 is conducted and provide a framework for the study
23 required by subsection (a), on the effects of the
24 COVID–19 pandemic (as of such time) on the travel
25 and tourism industry, including various segments of

1 the travel and tourism industry, such as domestic,
2 international, leisure, business, conventions, meet-
3 ings, and events; and

4 (2) submit to the Committee on Energy and
5 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the
6 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
7 tation of the Senate, and make publicly available on
8 the website of the Department of Commerce, an in-
9 terim report that contains the results of the interim
10 study required by paragraph (1).

11 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

12 (1) the term “pandemic period” has the mean-
13 ing given the term “emergency period” in section
14 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1320b–5(g)(1)(B)), excluding any portion of such
16 period after the date that is 1 year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act;

18 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
19 of Commerce; and

1 (3) the term “travel and tourism industry”
2 means the travel and tourism industry in the United
3 States.

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2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.