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# H. R. 2953

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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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 “All Economic Regula-  
5 tions are Transparent Act” or the “ALERT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AF-**  
2 **FAIRS PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION RE-**  
3 **LATING TO RULES.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT.—Title 5, United States Code, is  
5 amended by inserting after chapter 6 the following new  
6 chapter:

7 **“CHAPTER 6A—OFFICE OF INFORMATION**  
8 **AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS PUBLICA-**  
9 **TION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO**  
10 **RULES**

11 **“SEC. 651. AGENCY MONTHLY SUBMISSION TO OFFICE OF**  
12 **INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.**

13 “On a monthly basis, the head of each agency shall  
14 submit to the Administrator of the Office of Information  
15 and Regulatory Affairs (referred to in this chapter as the  
16 ‘Administrator’), in such a manner as the Administrator  
17 may reasonably require, the following information:

18 “(1) For each rule that the agency expects to  
19 propose or finalize during the 12-month period fol-  
20 lowing the month covered by the monthly submis-  
21 sion:

22 “(A) A summary of the nature of the rule,  
23 including the regulation identifier number and  
24 the docket number for the rule.

25 “(B) The objectives of and legal basis for  
26 the issuance of the rule, including—

1 “(i) any statutory or judicial deadline;  
2 and

3 “(ii) whether the legal basis restricts  
4 or precludes the agency from conducting  
5 an analysis of the costs or benefits of the  
6 rule during the rule making, and if not,  
7 whether the agency plans to conduct an  
8 analysis of the costs or benefits of the rule  
9 during the rule making.

10 “(C) Whether the agency plans to claim an  
11 exemption from the requirements of section 553  
12 pursuant to section 553(b)(B).

13 “(D) The stage of the rule making as of  
14 the date of submission.

15 “(E) Whether the rule is subject to review  
16 under section 610.

17 “(2) For any rule for which the agency expects  
18 to finalize during the 12-month period following the  
19 month covered by the monthly submission and has  
20 issued a general notice of proposed rule making—

21 “(A) an approximate schedule for com-  
22 pleting action on the rule;

23 “(B) an estimate of whether the rule will  
24 cost—

25 “(i) less than \$50,000,000;

1 “(ii) \$50,000,000 or more but less  
2 than \$100,000,000;

3 “(iii) \$100,000,000 or more but less  
4 than \$500,000,000;

5 “(iv) \$500,000,000 or more but less  
6 than \$1,000,000,000;

7 “(v) \$1,000,000,000 or more but less  
8 than \$5,000,000,000;

9 “(vi) \$5,000,000,000 or more but less  
10 than \$10,000,000,000; or

11 “(vii) \$10,000,000,000 or more;

12 “(C) any estimate of the economic effects  
13 of the rule, including the imposition of un-  
14 funded mandates and any estimate of the net  
15 effect that the rule will have on the number of  
16 jobs in the United States, that was considered  
17 in drafting the rule, or, if no such estimate is  
18 available, a statement affirming that no infor-  
19 mation on the economic effects, including the  
20 effect on the number of jobs, of the rule has  
21 been considered; and

22 “(D) a list of all influential scientific infor-  
23 mation disseminated or expected to be dissemi-  
24 nated by the agency relating to the rule, includ-

1 ing any peer review plans for the information,  
2 including—

3 “(i) the date the information or peer  
4 review was or is expected to be received by  
5 the agency;

6 “(ii) the date the information or peer  
7 review was publically disclosed or is ex-  
8 pected to be publically disclosed, and, if  
9 that date is altered in subsequent reports,  
10 a brief explanation for the change; and

11 “(iii) the Internet address of the in-  
12 formation or peer review completed and  
13 disclosed or of where the information or  
14 peer review will be found, once completed  
15 and disclosed.

16 **“SEC. 652. OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AF-**  
17 **FAIRS PUBLICATIONS.**

18 “(a) AGENCY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION PUBLISHED  
19 MONTHLY.—Not later than 30 days after the submission  
20 of information pursuant to section 651, the Administrator  
21 shall make such information publicly available on the  
22 Internet.

23 “(b) CUMULATIVE ASSESSMENT OF AGENCY RULE  
24 MAKING PUBLISHED ANNUALLY.—

1           “(1) PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REG-  
2           ISTER.—Not later than October 1 of each year, the  
3           Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register  
4           the following, with respect to the previous year:

5                   “(A) The information that the Adminis-  
6                   trator received from the head of each agency  
7                   under section 651.

8                   “(B) The number of rules and a list of  
9                   each such rule—

10                           “(i) that was proposed by each agen-  
11                           cy, including, for each such rule, an indica-  
12                           tion of whether the issuing agency con-  
13                           ducted an analysis of the costs or benefits  
14                           of the rule; and

15                           “(ii) that was finalized by each agen-  
16                           cy, including for each such rule an indica-  
17                           tion of whether—

18                                   “(I) the issuing agency conducted  
19                                   an analysis of the costs or benefits of  
20                                   the rule;

21                                   “(II) the agency claimed an ex-  
22                                   emption from the procedures under  
23                                   section 553 pursuant to section  
24                                   553(b)(B); and

1 “(III) the rule was issued pursu-  
2 ant to a statutory mandate or the rule  
3 making is committed to agency discre-  
4 tion by law.

5 “(C) The number of agency actions and a  
6 list of each such action taken by each agency  
7 that—

8 “(i) repealed a rule;

9 “(ii) reduced the scope of a rule;

10 “(iii) reduced the cost of a rule; or

11 “(iv) accelerated the expiration date  
12 of a rule.

13 “(D) The total cost (without reducing the  
14 cost by any offsetting benefits) of all rules pro-  
15 posed or finalized, the total cost of any un-  
16 funded mandates imposed by all such rules, and  
17 the number of rules for which an estimate of  
18 the cost of the rule was not available.

19 “(2) PUBLICATION ON THE INTERNET.—Not  
20 later than October 1 of each year, the Administrator  
21 shall make publicly available on the Internet the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 “(A) The analysis of the costs or benefits,  
24 if conducted, for each proposed rule or final  
25 rule issued by an agency for the previous year.

1           “(B) The docket number and regulation  
2           identifier number for each proposed or final  
3           rule issued by an agency for the previous year.

4           “(C) The number of rules and a list of  
5           each such rule reviewed by the Director of the  
6           Office of Management and Budget for the pre-  
7           vious year, and the authority under which each  
8           such review was conducted.

9           “(D) The number of rules and a list of  
10          each such rule for which the head of an agency  
11          completed a review under section 610 for the  
12          previous year.

13          “(E) The number of rules and a list of  
14          each such rule submitted to the Comptroller  
15          General under section 801.

16          “(F) The number of rules and a list of  
17          each such rule for which a resolution of dis-  
18          approval was introduced in either the House of  
19          Representatives or the Senate under section  
20          802.

21   **“SEC. 653. REQUIREMENT FOR RULES TO APPEAR IN AGEN-**  
22                   **CY-SPECIFIC MONTHLY PUBLICATION.**

23          “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), a rule  
24          may not take effect until the information required to be  
25          made publicly available on the Internet regarding such



1 rule pursuant to section 652(a) has been so available for  
 2 not less than 6 months.

3 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirement of subsection  
 4 (a) shall not apply in the case of a rule—

5 “(1) for which the agency issuing the rule  
 6 claims an exception under section 553(b)(B); or

7 “(2) which the President determines by Execu-  
 8 tive order should take effect because the rule is—

9 “(A) necessary because of an imminent  
 10 threat to health or safety or other emergency;

11 “(B) necessary for the enforcement of  
 12 criminal laws;

13 “(C) necessary for national security; or

14 “(D) issued pursuant to any statute imple-  
 15 menting an international trade agreement.

16 **“SEC. 654. DEFINITIONS.**

17 “In this chapter, the terms ‘agency’, ‘agency action’,  
 18 ‘rule’, and ‘rule making’ have the meanings given those  
 19 terms in section 551, and the term ‘unfunded mandate’  
 20 has the meaning given the term ‘Federal mandate’ in sec-  
 21 tion 421(6) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2  
 22 U.S.C. 658(6)).”.

23 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
 24 The table of chapters for part I of title 5, United States

1 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
2 chapter 5, the following:

“6. The Analysis of Regulatory Functions 601.

“6A. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Publication of Information  
Relating to Rules 651”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

4 (1) AGENCY MONTHLY SUBMISSION TO THE OF-  
5 FICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AF-  
6 FAIRS.—The first submission required pursuant to  
7 section 651 of title 5, United States Code, as added  
8 by subsection (a), shall be submitted not later than  
9 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
10 and monthly thereafter.

11 (2) CUMULATIVE ASSESSMENT OF AGENCY  
12 RULE MAKING.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of sec-  
14 tion 652 of title 5, United States Code, as  
15 added by subsection (a), shall take effect on the  
16 date that is 60 days after the date of the enact-  
17 ment of this Act.

18 (B) DEADLINE.—The first requirement to  
19 publish or make available, as the case may be,  
20 under subsection (b) of section 652 of title 5,  
21 United States Code, as added by subsection (a),  
22 shall be the first October 1 after the effective  
23 date of such subsection.

1           (C) FIRST PUBLICATION.—The require-  
2           ment under section 652(b)(2)(A) of title 5,  
3           United States Code, as added by subsection (a),  
4           shall include for the first publication, any anal-  
5           ysis of the costs or benefits conducted for a  
6           proposed or final rule, for the 10 years before  
7           the date of the enactment of this Act.

8           (3) REQUIREMENT FOR RULES TO APPEAR IN  
9           AGENCY-SPECIFIC MONTHLY PUBLICATION.—Section  
10          653 of title 5, United States Code, as added by sub-  
11          section (a), shall take effect on the date that is 8  
12          months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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