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H. R. 7929

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue certain regulations with respect to the safe transportation of lithium-ion cells or batteries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Firefighter Lithium-
5 ion Awareness and Readiness Enhancement Act” or the
6 “FLARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING ACCESS TO THERMAL RUNAWAY SUP-**
2 **PRESSION TOOLS.**

3 Section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Con-
4 trol Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraph (9) as
7 paragraph (11);

8 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and
9 (8) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively;

10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (6) the
11 following:

12 “(7) LITHIUM-ION CELL OR BATTERY.—The
13 term ‘lithium-ion cell or battery’—

14 “(A) means a rechargeable electrochemical
15 cell or battery in which the positive and nega-
16 tive electrodes are both intercalation compounds
17 constructed with no metallic lithium in either
18 electrode; but

19 “(B) does not include a cell or battery de-
20 scribed in subsections (c) and (g)(2) of section
21 173.185 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
22 tions.”; and

23 (D) by inserting after paragraph (9) (as so
24 redesignated) the following:

25 “(10) THERMAL RUNAWAY.—The term ‘thermal
26 runaway’ means an uncontrolled increase of cell tem-

1 perature caused by exothermic reactions inside cells
2 and batteries, including lithium-ion cells or bat-
3 teries.”;

4 (2) in subsection (c)(3)(A)—

5 (A) in clause (iv) by striking “or” at the
6 end;

7 (B) in clause (v) by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “, including lithium-ion
9 cells or batteries; or”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(vi) suppressing fires resulting from
12 thermal runaway.”; and

13 (3) in subsection (d)(3)—

14 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) as
15 subparagraph (F); and

16 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
17 the following:

18 “(E) To fund programs to suppress fires
19 resulting from thermal runaway.”.

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