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# H. R. 8162

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2026

Mr. MEUSER (for himself, Mr. BRESNAHAN, and Ms. KING-HINDS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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 “Regulatory Review Im-  
5 provement Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHANGES TO PERIODIC REVIEW OF RULES.**

7 Section 610 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
8 ed—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in the fourth sentence—

3 (i) by striking “and for the review”

4 and inserting “, for the review”; and

5 (ii) by inserting before the period at

6 the end the following: “, and for the solici-

7 tation of public comments on whether each

8 such final rule should remain in effect”;

9 and

10 (B) in the fifth sentence—

11 (i) by inserting “that includes an ex-

12 planation for the delay” after “in a state-

13 ment”; and

14 (ii) by striking “by one year at a time

15 for a total of not more than five years”

16 and inserting “by not more than one

17 year”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, in-

20 cluding any analyses or summaries conducted

21 by the agency under subsection (c)” before the

22 semicolon at the end;

23 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at

24 the end;

1 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-  
2 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (D) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(6) the cost of compliance and the number of  
5 paperwork hours the rule has required since the rule  
6 took effect.”; and

7 (3) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in the second sentence—

9 (i) by striking “and the need for” and  
10 inserting “, the need for”; and

11 (ii) by inserting “, and an economic  
12 analysis of such rule,” after “such rule”;  
13 and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
15 sentence: “Before conducting a review under  
16 this section, each agency shall produce a quali-  
17 tative and quantitative summary of such com-  
18 ments that includes an analysis of such com-  
19 ments by the agency.”.

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