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H. R. 8713

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to require certain specifications for safety placards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Mrs. SYKES (for herself and Mr. RULLI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Railcar Accident
5 Placard Integrity and Durability for Responders Act of
6 2026” or the “RAPID Responders Act of 2026”.

7 **SEC. 2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR SAFETY PLACARDS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
10 tation shall issue regulations to require that placards cov-

1 ered under section 172.519 of title 49, Code of Federal
2 Regulations, be able to withstand heat in excess of 180
3 degrees.

4 (b) UPDATES BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS.—The
5 Secretary may, upon recommendation from the National
6 Transportation Safety Board, issue such regulations as
7 are necessary to increase the heat threshold described in
8 subsection (a).

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