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S. 2245

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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 “Industrial Emergency
5 Notification Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY OFFICIALS.**

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
8 Occupational Safety and Health Administration shall issue
9 as a final rule, not later than 18 months after the enact-
10 ment of this Act, a regulation that requires employers to—

1 (1) notify outside emergency responders when
2 the conditions and circumstances occur which re-
3 quire outside emergency response, including work-
4 place evacuations and other conditions specified in
5 the rule;

6 (2) describe with specificity in their emergency
7 response plans developed under 29 CFR 1919.120
8 or 1926.65, or in their emergency action plans under
9 29 CFR 1910.38, the conditions and circumstances
10 that require outside emergency response in addition
11 to those specified under paragraph (1); and

12 (3) obtain the agreement, in writing, of the out-
13 side responders as to which conditions and cir-
14 cumstances require outside response in addition to
15 those specified under paragraph (1).

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