H. R. 1437

To amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 1999

Mr. Ballenger (for himself, Mr. Hall of Texas, and Mr. Stenholm) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 "Small Business Regu-
- 5 latory Enforcement Fairness Implementation Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. SMALL BUSINESS VIOLATIONS.
- 7 Section 17 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act
- 8 of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 666) is amended by redesignating sub-
- 9 sections (k) and (l) as subsections (l) and (m), respec-
- 10 tively, and by inserting after subsection (j) the following:

- 1 "(k) In the case of any small business concern em-
- 2 ployer (as defined in section 3(a)(10) of the Small Busi-
- 3 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(10) and regulations there-
- 4 under) any penalty which would otherwise be assessed
- 5 under subsection (c) shall be waived if the employer abates
- 6 the violation within the time set for abatement under sec-

7 tion 9(a).".

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