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To provide for fire safety standards for cigarettes, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. KERRY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To provide for fire safety standards for cigarettes, and for other purposes.

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 “Joseph Moakley Memorial
5 Fire Safe Cigarette Act of 2002”.

6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Cigarette ignited fires are the leading cause
9 of fire deaths in the United States.

5 (3) Nearly 100 children are killed each year
6 from cigarette related fires.

15 (6) A recent study by the Consumer Product
16 Safety Commission found that the cost of the loss of
17 human life and personal property from not having a
18 cigarette fire safety standard is \$4,600,000,000 a
19 year.

23 SEC. 3. CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY STANDARD.

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—

6 (2) GENERAL TEST REQUIREMENTS.—

7 (A) TESTING METHODOLOGY.—Except as
8 provided in paragraph (3), in establishing
9 standards under paragraph (1), the Commission
10 shall use the testing methodology for deter-
11 mining the ignition propensity of cigarettes re-
12 ferred to in “Relative Ignition Propensity of
13 Test Market Cigarettes—National Institute of
14 Standards and Technology—NIST Technical
15 Note 1436, January, 2001—Appendix D: Ciga-
16 rette Extinction Method”, together with any re-
17 quirements specified in this paragraph.

18 (B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—Testing
19 shall be conducted on 10 layers of filter paper,
20 as described in the testing methodology referred
21 to in subparagraph (A).

22 (C) COMPLETE TEST TRIAL.—Forty rep-
23 licate tests shall be required to comprise a com-
24 plete test trial for each cigarette tested. Test
25 results and the application of an acceptance cri-

1 terion shall be derived only for complete test
2 trials comprised of 40 replicate tests.

3 (D) TEST FAILURE.—A test failure shall
4 consist of more than 25 percent of the ciga-
5 rettes tested in a test trial failing to self-extin-
6 guish before burning the full length of the to-
7 bacco column.

8 (3) CIGARETTES WITH UNIQUE CHARACTERIS-
9 TICS.—In establishing standards under paragraph
10 (1) with respect to a cigarette that cannot be tested
11 using the testing methodology referred to in para-
12 graph (2) because of unique or nontraditional char-
13 acteristics, the Commission shall accept a testing
14 methodology and acceptance criterion that are pro-
15 posed by the manufacturer or manufacturers of the
16 cigarette if the Commission, after review of the ap-
17 plication of the proposed testing methodology and
18 acceptance criterion, determines that the cigarette
19 has an ignition propensity equivalent to or less than
20 cigarettes that pass the acceptance criterion referred
21 to in paragraph (2).

22 (4) CIGARETTE PAPER.—In addition to estab-
23 lishing standards under paragraph (1), the Commis-
24 sion may also regulate the ignition propensity of cig-
25 arette paper for roll-your-own tobacco products.

10 (b) STOCKPILING.—

24 (c) PROCEDURE.—

5 (2) MODIFICATIONS.—

6 (A) MODIFICATION BY SPONSOR.—If the
7 sponsor of the testing methodology under sub-
8 section (a)(2) modifies the testing methodology
9 in any material respect, the sponsor shall notify
10 the Commission of the modification, and the
11 Commission may incorporate the modification
12 in the rule prescribed under subsection (a) if
13 the Commission determines that the modifica-
14 tion will enhance a fire safety standard estab-
15 lished under subsection (a)(2).

16 (B) MODIFICATION BY COMMISSION.—The
17 Commission may modify the rule prescribed
18 under subsection (a), including the test require-
19 ments specified in subsection (a)(2), in whole or
20 in part, if the Commission determines that com-
21 pliance with such modification is technically
22 feasible and will enhance a fire safety standard
23 established under that subsection. Any such
24 modification shall not take effect earlier than 3

1 years after the date on which the rule is first
2 issued.

3 (3) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LAWS.—No
4 Federal law, or any Executive order, other than the
5 rulemaking and review provisions of title 5, United
6 States Code, that are commonly referred to as the
7 Administrative Procedures Act, may be construed to
8 apply to the promulgation of the rule required by
9 subsection (a), or the modification of the rule under
10 paragraph (2), including the following:

11 (A) The Consumer Product Safety Act (15
12 U.S.C. 2051 et seq.).

13 (B) Chapter 6 of title 5, United States
14 Code.

15 (C) The National Environmental Policy
16 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

17 (D) The Small Business Regulatory En-
18 forcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law
19 104–121), and the amendments made by that
20 Act.

21 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Commission shall speci-
22 fy in the rule prescribed under subsection (a) the effective
23 date of the rule. The effective date may not be later than
24 30 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

25 (e) TREATMENT OF STANDARD.—

14 SEC. 4. PREEMPTION.

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—This Act, and any cigarette fire
16 safety standard established under section 3, may not be
17 construed to preempt or otherwise affect in any way any
18 law or regulation of a State or political subdivision thereof
19 which prescribes a fire safety standard for cigarettes
20 which is more stringent than a fire safety standard estab-
21 lished under section 3.

22 (b) PRIVATE REMEDIES.—The provisions of section
23 25 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2074)
24 shall apply with respect to the fire safety standard promul-
25 gated under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5. SCOPE OF JURISDICTION OF CONSUMER PRODUCT**2 **SAFETY COMMISSION.**

3 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Com-
4 mission shall have no jurisdiction over tobacco or tobacco
5 products.

6 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”
9 means the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

10 (2) **CIGARETTE.**—The term “cigarette” has the
11 meaning given that term in section 3(1) of the Fed-
12 eral Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (15
13 U.S.C. 1332(1)).

14 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
16 hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Consumer
17 Product Safety Commission for fiscal year 2003,
18 \$2,000,000 for purposes of carrying out this Act.

19 (b) **AVAILABILITY.**—Amounts authorized to be appro-
20 priated by subsection (a) shall remain available until ex-
21 pended.

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