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# H. R. 4277

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the Pipeline Safety Administration in the Department of Transportation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2004

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “Pipeline Safety Admin-  
5 istration Establishment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PIPELINE SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 49, United  
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 116. Pipeline Safety Administration**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Pipeline Safety Administra-  
7 tion shall be an administration in the Department of  
8 Transportation.

9 “(b) ADMINISTRATOR.—The head of the Administra-  
10 tion shall be the Administrator who shall be appointed by  
11 the President, by and with the advice and consent of the  
12 Senate. The Administrator shall report directly to the Sec-  
13 retary of Transportation.

14 “(c) DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administration  
15 shall have a Deputy Administrator who shall be appointed  
16 by the Secretary of Transportation. The Deputy Adminis-  
17 trator shall carry out duties and powers prescribed by the  
18 Administrator.

19 “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADMINISTRATOR.—The  
20 Administrator shall carry out the duties and powers vested  
21 in the Secretary under chapter 601 and additional duties  
22 and powers related to pipeline safety prescribed by the  
23 Secretary.

24 “(e) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—  
25 Nothing in this section shall affect any delegation of au-  
26 thority, regulation, order, approval, exemption, waiver,

1 contract, or other administrative act of the Secretary with  
2 respect to laws administered through the Research and  
3 Special Programs Administration as of the day before the  
4 date of enactment of this section.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for  
6 chapter 1 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by  
7 adding at the end the following:

“116. Pipeline Safety Administration.”.

8 (c) DUTIES OF RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS  
9 ADMINISTRATION.—Section 112(d) of title 49, United  
10 States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (2) and  
11 redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (2)  
12 and (3), respectively.

13 (d) EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE.—Section 5313 of title 5,  
14 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
15 following:

16 “Administrator, Pipeline Safety Administra-  
17 tion.”.

18 (e) TRANSITION.—The Secretary of Transportation  
19 shall provide for the transfer of duties and powers under  
20 the amendments made by this Act.

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