

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2579

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain knit-to-shape sweaters for men,
of cotton.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2009

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain knit-to-shape
sweaters for men, of cotton.

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. CERTAIN KNIT-TO-SHAPE SWEATERS FOR MEN,**
4 **OF COTTON.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
6 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
7 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
8 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Knit-to-shape sweaters for men, of cotton, as described in U.S. note 21(b) to this subchapter (provided for in subheading 6110.20.20)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) AMENDMENTS TO U.S. NOTES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99
3 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United
4 States is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new U.S. Note:

6 “21. (a) Headings **【9902.01.00 through**
7 **9902.XX.XX】** cover only garments that were knit to
8 shape on flat knitting machines with a stitch count exceed-
9 ing 9 stitches per 2 centimeters but less than or equal
10 to 18 stitches per 2 centimeters, measured on the outer
11 surface of the fabric forming the exterior surface of the
12 garment in the direction on which the stitches are formed.
13 Whenever such fabric is formed using both knit and purl
14 stitches, the purl stitches will be disregarded and only the
15 knit stitches on the outer surface of the fabric will be
16 counted. In order to be eligible for entry under these head-
17 ings—

18 “(1) all of the garment’s component parts, in-
19 cluding any collars, plackets, cuffs, waistbands and
20 pockets, must have been knit to shape; and

21 “(2) all of the garment’s components must have
22 been assembled by looping and linking, including the
23 side seams.

24 “(b) Headings **【9902.01.00 through 9902.XX.XX】**
25 cover only garments that were knit to shape on flat knit-

ting machines with a stitch count not exceeding 9 stitches per 2 centimeters, measured on the outer surfaces of the fabric forming the exterior surface of the garment in the direction on which the stitches are formed. Whenever such fabric is formed using both knit and purl stitches, the purl stitches will be disregarded and only the knit stitches on the outer surface of the fabric will be counted. In order to be eligible for entry under these headings—

“(1) all of the garment’s component parts, including any collars, plackets, cuffs, waistbands and pockets, must have been knit to shape; and

“(2) all of the garment’s components must have been assembled by looping and linking, including the side seams.”.

(2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Such subchapter is further amended by striking the first U.S. note 18 to such subchapter (relating to headings 9902.14.01 through 9902.14.05) and inserting after U.S. note 19, the following new U.S. Note:

“20. For the purposes of subheadings 9902.14.01, 9902.14.02, 9902.14.03, 9902.14.04, and 9902.14.05, the term ‘mechanics’ work gloves’ means gloves having the following characteristics: synthetic leather palms and fingers; fourchettes of synthetic leather or of fabric in part of nylon or elastomeric yarn; backs comprising either one

1 layer of knitted fabric in part of elastomeric yarn or three
2 layers with the outer layer of knitted fabric in part of elas-
3 tomeric yarn, the center layer of foam and the inner layer
4 of tricot fabric, the foregoing whether or not including a
5 thermoplastic rubber logo or pad on the back; and elastic
6 wrist straps with molded thermoplastic rubber hook-and-
7 loop enclosures.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section apply to goods entered, or withdrawn from
10 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act.

