

111TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2584

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

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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

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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. CERTAIN KNIT-TO-SHAPE ARTICLES FOR MEN**

4               **OR BOYS, 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 articles for men or boys, of cotton, other than sweaters, vests and sweatshirts, and other than boys' garments imported as parts of playsuits, as described in U.S. note 21(a) 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

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

4           “(b) Headings **【9902.01.00 through 9902.XX.XX】**  
 5           cover only garments that were knit to shape on flat knit-  
 6           ting machines with a stitch count not exceeding 9 stitches  
 7           per 2 centimeters, measured on the outer surfaces of the  
 8           fabric forming the exterior surface of the garment in the  
 9           direction on which the stitches are formed. Whenever such  
 10          fabric is formed using both knit and purl stitches, the purl  
 11          stitches will be disregarded and only the knit stitches on  
 12          the outer surface of the fabric will be counted. In order  
 13          to be eligible for entry under these headings—

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

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

20           (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Such sub-  
 21          chapter is further amended by striking the first U.S.  
 22          note 18 to such subchapter (relating to headings  
 23          9902.14.01 through 9902.14.05) and inserting after  
 24          U.S. note 19, the following new U.S. Note:

1       “20. For the purposes of subheadings 9902.14.01,  
2 9902.14.02, 9902.14.03, 9902.14.04, and 9902.14.05, the  
3 term ‘mechanics’ work gloves’ means gloves having the fol-  
4 lowing characteristics: synthetic leather palms and fingers;  
5 fourchettes of synthetic leather or of fabric in part of  
6 nylon or elastomeric yarn; backs comprising either one  
7 layer of knitted fabric in part of elastomeric yarn or three  
8 layers with the outer layer of knitted fabric in part of elas-  
9 tomeric yarn, the center layer of foam and the inner layer  
10 of tricot fabric, the foregoing whether or not including a  
11 thermoplastic rubber logo or pad on the back; and elastic  
12 wrist straps with molded thermoplastic rubber hook-and-  
13 loop enclosures.”.

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

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