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H. R. 4213

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to revise the regulations regarding the definitions for funeral industry practices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2014

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, and Mr. WALBERG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Funeral Rule Improve-
5 ment Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF REGULATIONS REGARDING FUNERAL**
7 **INDUSTRY PRACTICES REQUIRED.**

8 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Federal Trade Commission shall revise the

1 definitions in section 453.1 of title 16, Code of Federal
2 Regulations in the following manner:

3 (1) By amending the definition of “funeral pro-
4 vider” to read as follows: “A ‘funeral provider’ is
5 any person, partnership, trust, or corporation that
6 sells or offers to sell funeral or burial goods or serv-
7 ices to the public.”.

8 (2) By further amending the definition of “fu-
9 neral provider” to except each of the following:

10 (A) Any religious denomination, middle ju-
11 dicatory, house of worship, or similar religious
12 organization.

13 (B) Any State or political subdivision of a
14 State.

15 (C) Any cemetery that has 25 or fewer
16 burials per year.

17 (D) Any entity described in section
18 501(c)(13) of the Internal Revenue Code of
19 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(13)).

20 (3) By amending the definition of “funeral
21 services” to read as follows: “‘Funeral or burial
22 services’ are any services that are sold or offered for
23 sale directly to the public for use in connection with
24 either: (1) the care and preparation of deceased
25 human remains for burial, cremation, or other final

1 disposition or (2) the arrangement, supervision, or
2 carrying out the funeral ceremony or final disposi-
3 tion of deceased human bodies.”.

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