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H. R. 5359

To revise Federal flammability standards for motor vehicle child restraint systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN 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. EXCLUSION OF CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS**

4 **FROM CERTAIN REGULATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the National Highway Traf-
7 fic Safety Administration shall revise its regulations estab-
8 lishing flammability standards set out in section 571.302
9 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, for any child re-
10 straint system (as defined in section 571.213 of such

1 title). Such revised standard shall measure the smolder ig-
2 nition resistance of such restraint systems rather than the
3 open flame flammability of such systems. In revising such
4 regulations, the Administration shall consider the stand-
5 ard and testing methodologies contained in California
6 Technical Bulletin 117–2013, “Requirements, Test Proce-
7 dure and Apparatus for Testing the Smolder Resistance
8 of Materials Used in Upholstered Furniture”.

9 (b) CONSULT WITH EPA.—In revising such regula-
10 tions, the Administration shall consult the Environmental
11 Protection Agency regarding the health effects and expo-
12 sure risks associated with materials used in such restraint
13 systems and shall consider such health effects and risks
14 in determining an appropriate standard.

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