

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill includes \$123,000,000 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Within the amount provided, \$1,000,000 is for test burden reduction. Resolution is expected on the question of whether the CPSC, within its authority and without materially impacting its core safety work, can provide meaningful third-party testing cost relief while still assuring compliance. The CPSC is urged to articulate to the regulated community any additional data or information the CPSC needs to provide third-party testing cost relief while still assuring compliance. Upon receipt of such information, the CPSC shall inform the regulated community what, if any, steps it can take, and along what timeline, to reduce third-party testing costs while still assuring compliance. The CPSC shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate (Committees) on the status of this effort within 90 days of enactment.

Within the amount provided, \$4,000,000 is for port surveillance. This funding increase is provided to address CPSC's ongoing need to fulfill the statutory requirements of section 222 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSA) of 2008 (P.L. 110-314) to develop and implement a risk assessment methodology for the identification of shipments of consumer products that are intended for import into the United States and likely to include consumer products in violation of section 17(a) of the CPSA or other import provisions enforced by the Commission.

As the Commission considers new upholstered furniture flammability standards, CPSC is directed to take steps to reduce or limit the use of flame retardant chemicals.

CPSC is directed to report to the Committees within 180 days of enactment of this Act on the progress to update the current National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) football helmet standards regarding new and reconditioned football helmets.

In some cases, voluntary standards go further than the existing safety criteria set forth under CPSC mandatory standards for identical products. However, since manufacturers are required by

law to comply with the mandatory, but not voluntary standards, the public might not derive the added safety benefit of a more effective voluntary standard. Toward this end, the Commission is requested to report to the committees of jurisdiction within 180 days of enactment of this Act: (1) the extent to which any voluntary standards go further in terms of safety criteria than any similar mandatory standards enforced by the Commission, and, if any, (2) the legislative changes that would be necessary to allow the Commission to make updates more expeditiously to the relevant mandatory standards.

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The bill provides \$10,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). This includes \$1,900,000 to be transferred to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

As in previous years, within 30 days of the transfer to NIST, NIST shall provide to EAC and the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate a detailed expenditure plan. Both EAC and NIST shall establish priorities for the work jointly in order to meet timelines.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill provides ~~includes~~ \$339,844,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This includes \$300,000 for consultation with Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native villages, and entities related to Hawaiian Home Lands, and \$11,090,000 for the FCC Office of Inspector General. The bill provides that \$339,844,000 be derived from offsetting collections, resulting in no net appropriation.

*Call Completion in Rural Areas.*—The FCC shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate within 90 days of enactment of this Act detailing the agency's efforts to resolve call completion issues and to prevent discriminatory delivery of calls to any area of the country.