



## **H.R. 814 – Children’s Gasoline Burn Prevention Act**

### **FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 814 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Dennis Moore (D-KS) on February 5, 2007. The House Committee on Energy and Commerce approved the bill, as amended, on September 27, 2007.

H.R. 814 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 9, 2007.

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 814 requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to implement a rule that all portable gasoline containers sold in the U.S. meet the child-resistance safety requirements currently issued by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International (ASTM F2517-05). If ASTM International revises its standards, it must notify the CPSC, and the CPSC must incorporate them into the rule unless it notifies ASTM International.

The bill requires a report by the CPSC within two years on 1) industry compliance with the new standards; 2) any CPSC enforcement actions taken; and 3) incidents involving children interacting with portable gasoline containers.

CPSC must implement the rule within 6 months of enactment of the bill.

### **BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission was first established in 1972 by P.L. 92-573 to promote public safety and to protect Americans from unreasonable safety risks posed by consumer products. The Commission issues rules and has the authority to recall products. It also provides technical support for the development of voluntary standards by organizations like ASTM International.

ASTM International is a global, non-profit organization that develops voluntary standards used by various individuals, companies, and governments. It was first established in 1898.

### **COST**

The Congressional Budget Office has not scored H.R. 814.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

[U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)

[ASTM International Website](#)

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