

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3761

To properly define and distinguish between decorative hearth products and vented hearth heaters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2013

Mr. POMPEO (for himself, Mr. ENYART, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, and Mr. KLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To properly define and distinguish between decorative hearth products and vented hearth heaters.

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. VENTED HEARTH HEATERS AND DECORATIVE**
4 **HEARTH PRODUCTS.**

5 Section 321 of the Energy Policy and Conservation
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 6291) is amended by inserting at the end
7 the following:

8 “(67) VENTED HEARTH HEATER.—The term
9 ‘vented hearth heater’ means a vented gas fireplace,
10 vented fireplace insert, or vented stove—

1 “(A) for which any AFUE representation,
2 or representation with respect to P.4 effi-
3 ciencies required for products sold in Canada, is
4 made in any manufacturer advertising or lit-
5 erature;

6 “(B) that is certified to the ANSI Z21.88
7 standard or identified in any manufacturer lit-
8 erature or advertising as a ‘heater-rated’ prod-
9 uct; or

10 “(C) that is equipped by the manufacturer
11 with a thermostatic control.

12 “(68) DECORATIVE HEARTH PRODUCT.—The
13 term ‘decorative hearth product’ means a vented gas
14 fireplace, vented fireplace insert, vented stove, or
15 vented gas log set that—

16 “(A) is not certified to the ANSI Z21.88
17 standard and, in the case of a vented gas fire-
18 place, vented fireplace insert, or vented stove, is
19 certified to the ANSI Z21.50 standard;

20 “(B) is sold without a thermostat and with
21 a warranty provision expressly voiding all man-
22 ufacturer warranties in the event the product is
23 used with a thermostat; and

1 “(C) contains no energy efficiency rep-
2 resentations other than P.4 efficiencies required
3 for products sold in Canada.

4 Decorative hearth products shall not be considered
5 direct heating equipment for purposes of this part.
6 A vented gas fireplace, vented fireplace insert, vent-
7 ed stove, or vented gas log set that is not a decora-
8 tive hearth product shall be considered direct heat-
9 ing equipment for purposes of this part.”.

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