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Mr. BYRNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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disapproves of such abolishment, and for other purposes.

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 “Sunset Inefficient and
5 Unaccountable Government Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ABOLISHMENT OF AGENCIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each agency listed in subsection
8 (c) shall be abolished on the date set forth in subsection
9 (c), unless a Federal law disapproving of the abolishment
10 of the agency is enacted before such date.

1 (b) EFFECT OF ABOLISHMENT.—When an agency is
2 abolished under this Act, the head of such agency may
3 take such actions as are necessary to dispose of the assets,
4 obligations, and liabilities of the agency during the one-
5 year period that begins on the date of such abolishment.

6 (c) SCHEDULE FOR ABOLISHMENT.—

7 (1) AGRICULTURE.—The date of abolishment
8 referred to in subsection (a) is 2 years after the date
9 of enactment of this Act for the following agencies:

10 (A) The Department of Agriculture.

11 (B) Any other agency—

12 (i) about which Congress has not
13 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
14 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
15 cy during the previous 10 years; and

16 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
17 referred to the Committee on Agriculture
18 of the House of Representatives.

19 (2) COMMERCE.—The date of abolishment re-
20ferred to in subsection (a) is 3 years after the date
21 of enactment of this Act for the following agencies:

22 (A) The Department of Commerce.

23 (B) Any other agency—

24 (i) about which Congress has not
25 passed a concurrent resolution dis-

1 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
2 cy during the previous 10 years; and

3 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
4 referred to the Committee on Financial
5 Services of the House of Representatives.

6 (C) Any other agency—

7 (i) about which Congress has not
8 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
9 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
10 cy during the previous 10 years; and

11 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
12 referred to the Committee on Small Busi-
13 ness of the House of Representatives.

14 (D) Any other agency—

15 (i) about which Congress has not
16 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
17 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
18 cy during the previous 10 years; and

19 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
20 referred to the Committee on Oversight
21 and Government Reform of the House of
22 Representatives.

23 (3) EDUCATION.—The date of abolishment re-
24 ferred to in subsection (a) is 4 years after the date
25 of enactment of this Act for the following agencies:

1 (A) The Department of Education.

2 (B) Any other agency—

3 (i) about which Congress has not
4 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
5 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
6 cy during the previous 10 years; and

7 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
8 referred to the Committee on Education
9 and the Workforce of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives.

11 (4) ENERGY.—The date of abolishment referred
12 to in subsection (a) is 5 years after the date of en-
13 actment of this Act for the following agencies:

14 (A) The Department of Energy.

15 (B) Any other agency—

16 (i) about which Congress has not
17 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
18 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
19 cy during the previous 10 years; and

20 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
21 referred to the Committee on Energy and
22 Commerce of the House of Representa-
23 tives.

24 (C) Any other agency—

1 (i) about which Congress has not
2 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
3 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
4 cy during the previous 10 years; and

5 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
6 referred to the Committee on Science,
7 Space, and Technology of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 (5) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.—The date
10 of abolishment referred to in subsection (a) is 6
11 years after the date of enactment of this Act for the
12 Department of Health and Human Services.

13 (6) HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; JU-
14 DICLARY.—The date of abolishment referred to in
15 subsection (a) is 7 years after the date of enactment
16 of this Act for the following agencies:

17 (A) The Department of Housing and
18 Urban Development.

19 (B) Any other agency, other than the De-
20 partment of Justice—

21 (i) about which Congress has not
22 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
23 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
24 cy during the previous 10 years; and

1 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
2 referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
3 of the House of Representatives.

4 (7) LABOR.—The date of abolishment referred
5 to in subsection (a) is 8 years after the date of en-
6 actment of this Act for the Department of Labor.

7 (8) INTERIOR.—The date of abolishment re-
8 ferred to in subsection (a) is 9 years after the date
9 of enactment of this Act for the following agencies:

10 (A) The Department of the Interior.

11 (B) Any other agency—

12 (i) about which Congress has not
13 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
14 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
15 cy during the previous 10 years; and

16 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
17 referred to the Committee on Natural Re-
18 sources of the House of Representatives.

19 (9) TREASURY; VETERANS AFFAIRS.—The date
20 of abolishment referred to in subsection (a) is 10
21 years after the date of enactment of this Act for the
22 following agencies:

23 (A) Any office of the Department of the
24 Treasury.

1 (B) Any other agency, other than the De-
2 partment of the Treasury—

3 (i) about which Congress has not
4 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
5 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
6 cy during the previous 10 years; and

7 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
8 referred to the Committee on Ways and
9 Means of the House of Representatives.

10 (C) The Department of Veterans Affairs.

11 (D) Any other agency—

12 (i) about which Congress has not
13 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
14 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
15 cy during the previous 10 years; and

16 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
17 referred to the Committee on Veterans' Af-
18 fairs of the House of Representatives.

19 (10) TRANSPORTATION; ARMED SERVICES; FOR-
20 EIGN AFFAIRS; HOMELAND SECURITY.—The date of
21 abolishment referred to in subsection (a) is 11 years
22 after the date of enactment of this Act for the fol-
23 lowing agencies:

24 (A) The Department of Transportation.

25 (B) Any other agency—

1 (i) about which Congress has not
2 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
3 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
4 cy during the previous 10 years; and

5 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
6 referred to the Committee on Transpor-
7 tation and Infrastructure of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 (C) Any other agency, except the Depart-
10 ment of Defense—

11 (i) about which Congress has not
12 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
13 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
14 cy during the previous 10 years; and

15 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
16 referred to the Committee on Armed Serv-
17 ices of the House of Representatives.

18 (D) Any other agency, except the Depart-
19 ment of State—

20 (i) about which Congress has not
21 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
22 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
23 cy during the previous 10 years; and

1 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
2 referred to the Committee on Foreign Af-
3 fairs of the House of Representatives.

4 (E) Any other agency, except the Depart-
5 ment of Homeland Security—

6 (i) about which Congress has not
7 passed a concurrent resolution dis-
8 approving of the abolishment of such agen-
9 cy during the previous 10 years; and

10 (ii) whose authorizing legislation was
11 referred to the Committee on Homeland
12 Security of the House of Representatives.

13 (F) Any other agency, except the Depart-
14 ment of Defense, the Department of State, the
15 Department of Homeland Security, the Depart-
16 ment of Justice, and the Department of the
17 Treasury, about which Congress has not passed
18 a concurrent resolution disapproving of the
19 abolishment of such agency within the last 10
20 years.

21 (d) FUTURE DATES.—On the date that is 10 years
22 after each date listed in subsection (c) for the abolishment
23 of an agency, and every 10 years thereafter, if such agency
24 exists, such agency shall be abolished.

1 **SEC. 3. SELF-REVIEW OF AGENCIES.**

2 Not later 1 year before the date on which an agency
3 is scheduled to be abolished pursuant to section 2(a), the
4 head of such agency shall submit to Congress a report on
5 the roles and responsibilities of the agency detailing the
6 agency's justification for existence, including areas where
7 the duties of the agency may overlap with the duties of
8 other agencies.

9 **SEC. 4. AGENCY DEFINED.**

10 The term "agency" has the meaning given the term
11 "Executive agency" in section 105 of title 5, United States
12 Code.

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