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H. R. 4738

To ensure the safety of DOT-111 tank cars by improving standards for new tank cars and upgrading existing tank cars, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2014

Mr. PAYNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tank Car Safety Act
5 of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DOT-111 TANK CAR IMPROVEMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation shall revise regulations regarding DOT-111 tank
10 cars to—

1 (1) improve such tank car design standards for
2 new cars to include an outer steel jacket around the
3 tank car and thermal protection, full-height head
4 shields and high-flow capacity pressure relief valves;
5 and

6 (2) require additional safety upgrades to tank
7 cars built after October 2011 by including installa-
8 tion of high-flow-capacity relief valves and design
9 modifications to prevent bottom outlets from open-
10 ing in the case of an accident.

11 (b) PHASE OUT PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after
12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
13 portation shall submit a plan to the appropriate commit-
14 tees of Congress to phase out, on an aggressive basis,
15 older-model DOT–111 tank cars used to move flammable
16 liquids that are not retrofitted to meet new Federal re-
17 quirements established under this section.

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