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H. R. 7064

To require the United States Trade Representative to certify certain trade agreements respecting labor and the environment entered into by the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the United States Trade Representative to certify certain trade agreements respecting labor and the environment entered into by the United States, 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 “Fair Environmental
5 Trade Agreements Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO**
2 **LABOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

3 (a) LIMITATIONS ON PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT
4 TO LABOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT.—Section 106(b) of
5 the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Ac-
6 countability Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C. 4205(b)) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(7) LIMITATIONS ON PROCEDURES WITH RE-
9 SPECT TO LABOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT.—The
10 trade authorities procedures shall not apply to any
11 implementing bill submitted with respect to a trade
12 agreement or trade agreements entered into under
13 section 103(b) unless upon the submission of such
14 bill to Congress the United States Trade Represent-
15 ative certifies to the Committee on Ways and Means
16 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
17 on Finance of the Senate that such trade agree-
18 ment—

19 “(A) meets the applicable objectives with
20 respect to labor and the environment described
21 in section 102(b)(10); and

22 “(B) includes a mechanism or mechanisms
23 to implement and enforce any provision in such
24 agreement relating to labor or the environ-
25 ment.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (7) of section
2 106(b) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities
3 and Accountability Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C. 4205(b)), as
4 added by subsection (a) of this Act, shall apply to trade
5 agreements entered into or renegotiated beginning on the
6 date that is one year after the date of the enactment of
7 this section.

8 **SEC. 3. CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.**

9 (a) CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—
10 Upon the submission of an implementing bill concerning
11 a trade agreement or trade agreements, the United States
12 Trade Representative shall certify to the Committee on
13 Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the
14 Committee on Finance of the Senate that such trade
15 agreement or trade agreements entered into by the United
16 States—

17 (1) meet the applicable objectives with respect
18 to labor and the environment described in section
19 102(b)(10) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade
20 Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C.
21 4202(b)(10)); and

22 (2) include a mechanism or mechanisms to im-
23 plement and enforce any provision in such agree-
24 ment relating to labor or the environment.

1 (b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall apply to im-
2 plementing bills submitted with respect to trade agree-
3 ments entered into on or after—

4 (1) July 1, 2018, if the requirements of section
5 103(c)(1)(A) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade
6 Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C.
7 4202(c)(1)(A)) are not satisfied; or

8 (2) the date set forth under section
9 103(c)(1)(B) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade
10 Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C.
11 4202(c)(1)(B)).

12 (c) IMPLEMENTING BILL DEFINED.—In this section,
13 the term “implementing bill” has the meaning given the
14 term in section 103(b)(3) of the Bipartisan Congressional
15 Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (19
16 U.S.C. 4202(b)(3)).

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