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To require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety rule for free-standing clothing storage units to protect children from tip-over related death or injury, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Stop Tip-overs of Un-
5 stable, Risky Dressers on Youth Act” or the “STURDY
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARD TO PRO-**
2 **TECT AGAINST TIP-OVER OF FREE-STANDING**
3 **CLOTHING STORAGE UNITS.**

4 (a) FREE-STANDING CLOTHING STORAGE UNIT DE-
5 FINED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
7 “free-standing clothing storage unit” means any
8 piece of furniture manufactured in the United States
9 or imported for use in the United States that is in-
10 tended for the storage of clothing, including fur-
11 niture items that—

12 (A) are commonly referred to as a chest,
13 door chest, chest of drawers, dresser, or bureau;
14 or

15 (B) may contain a chest, door chest, chest
16 of drawers, dresser, or bureau.

17 (2) CPSC DEFINITION.—The Consumer Prod-
18 uct Safety Commission may adjust the definition
19 under paragraph (1) if the Commission determines
20 that inclusion of additional furniture items is rea-
21 sonably necessary to protect public health and safe-
22 ty.

23 (b) CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARD RE-
24 QUIRED.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-
26 section (c)(1), not later than 1 year after the date

1 of the enactment of this Act, the Consumer Product
2 Safety Commission shall—

3 (A) in consultation with representatives of
4 consumer groups, clothing storage unit manu-
5 facturers, and independent child product engi-
6 neers and experts, examine and assess the ef-
7 fectiveness of any voluntary consumer product
8 safety standards for free-standing clothing stor-
9 age units; and

10 (B) in accordance with section 553 of title
11 5, United States Code, promulgate a final con-
12 sumer product safety standard for free-standing
13 clothing storage units to protect children from
14 tip-over-related death or injury that includes—

15 (i) tests that require the use of weight
16 to simulate children up to 72 months of
17 age using the most recent anthropometric
18 data;

19 (ii) tests or testing that more closely
20 simulate real world use including to ac-
21 count for impact on clothing storage unit
22 stability of carpeting, drawers with items
23 in them, multiple open drawers, and dy-
24 namic force;

1 (iii) testing of all clothing storage
2 units, including those under 30 inches in
3 height; and

4 (iv) warning requirements that—

5 (I) strengthen requirements for
6 permanency and conspicuous place-
7 ment now in ASTM F2057–17; and

8 (II) revise the message panel text
9 of ASTM F2057–17 to make more
10 understandable, consistent with typ-
11 ical clothing storage unit use, and
12 written to motivate consumer compli-
13 ance.

14 (2) TREATMENT OF STANDARD.—A consumer
15 product safety standard promulgated under para-
16 graph (1) shall be treated as a consumer product
17 safety rule promulgated under section 9 of the Con-
18 sumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2058).

19 (c) SUBSEQUENT RULEMAKING.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—At any time subsequent to
21 the publication of a consumer product safety stand-
22 ard under subsection (b)(1), the Consumer Product
23 Safety Commission may initiate a rulemaking, in ac-
24 cordance with section 553 of title 5, United States
25 Code—

1 (A) to modify the requirements of the con-
2 sumer product safety standard described in sub-
3 section (b)(1); or

4 (B) to include any additional provision in
5 such consumer product safety standard that the
6 Commission determines is reasonably necessary
7 to protect public health or safety.

8 (2) TREATMENT OF RULES.—Any rule promul-
9 gated under paragraph (1) shall be treated as a con-
10 sumer product safety rule promulgated under section
11 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C.
12 2058).

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