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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for Reid Vapor Pressure under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Nationwide Consumer
5 and Fuel Retailer Choice Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. ETHANOL WAIVER.**

7 (a) EXISTING WAIVERS.—Section 211(f)(4) of the
8 Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(f)(4)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(4) The Administrator, upon”
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(4) WAIVERS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator,
5 on”;

6 (2) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

7 (A) in the first sentence—

8 (i) by striking “of this subsection”
9 each place it appears; and

10 (ii) by striking “if he determines” and
11 inserting “if the Administrator deter-
12 mines”; and

13 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
14 “The Administrator” and inserting the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(B) FINAL ACTION.—The Adminis-
17 trator”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(C) REID VAPOR PRESSURE.—A fuel or
20 fuel additive may be introduced into commerce
21 if—

22 “(i)(I) the Administrator determines
23 that the fuel or fuel additive is substan-
24 tially similar to a fuel or fuel additive uti-

1 lized in the certification of any model year
2 vehicle pursuant to paragraph (1)(A); or

3 “(II) the fuel or fuel additive has been
4 granted a waiver under subparagraph (A)
5 and meets all of the conditions of that
6 waiver other than any limitation of the
7 waiver with respect to the Reid Vapor
8 Pressure of the fuel or fuel additive; and

9 “(ii) the fuel or fuel additive meets all
10 other applicable Reid Vapor Pressure re-
11 quirements under subsection (h).”.

12 (b) REID VAPOR PRESSURE LIMITATION.—Section
13 211(h) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(h)) is
14 amended—

15 (1) by striking “vapor pressure” each place it
16 appears and inserting “Vapor Pressure”;

17 (2) in paragraph (4), in the matter preceding
18 subparagraph (A), by striking “10 percent” and in-
19 serting “10 to 15 percent”; and

20 (3) in paragraph (5)(A)—

21 (A) by striking “Upon notification, accom-
22 panied by” and inserting “On receipt of a noti-
23 fication that is submitted before January 1,
24 2022, or after the date of enactment of the Na-
25 tionwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice

1 Act of 2024, and is accompanied by appro-
2 priate”; and

3 (B) by striking “10 percent” and inserting
4 “10 to 15 percent”.

5 **SEC. 3. GENERATION OF CREDITS BY SMALL REFINERIES**
6 **UNDER THE RENEWABLE FUEL PROGRAM.**

7 Section 211(o)(9) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
8 7545(o)(9)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(E) CREDITS GENERATED FOR 2016–2018
11 COMPLIANCE YEARS.—

12 “(i) RULE.—For any small refinery
13 described in clause (ii) or (iii), the credits
14 described in the respective clause shall
15 be—

16 “(I) returned to the small refin-
17 ery and, notwithstanding paragraph
18 (5)(C), deemed eligible for future
19 compliance years; or

20 “(II) applied as a credit in the
21 EPA Moderated Transaction System
22 (EMTS) account of the small refinery.

23 “(ii) COMPLIANCE YEARS 2016 AND
24 2017.—Clause (i) applies with respect to
25 any small refinery that—

1 “(I)) retired credits generated
2 for compliance years 2016 or 2017;
3 and

4 “(II) submitted a petition under
5 subparagraph (B)(i) for that compli-
6 ance year that remained outstanding
7 as of December 1, 2022.

8 “(iii) COMPLIANCE YEAR 2018.—In
9 addition to small refineries described in
10 clause (ii), clause (i) applies with respect
11 to any small refinery—

12 “(I) that submitted a petition
13 under subparagraph (B)(i) for compli-
14 ance year 2018 by September 1,
15 2019;

16 “(II) that retired credits gen-
17 erated for compliance year 2018 as
18 part of the compliance demonstration
19 of the small refinery for compliance
20 year 2018 by March 31, 2019; and

21 “(III) for which—

22 “(aa) the petition remained
23 outstanding as of December 1,
24 2022; or

1 “(bb) the Administrator de-
2 nied the petition as of July 1,
3 2022, and has not returned the
4 retired credits as of December 1,
5 2022.”.