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H. R. 6691

To establish Federal Regulatory Review Commissions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coronavirus Regu-
5 latory Repeal Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OR MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS DUR-**
7 **ING THE EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

8 Any regulation waived or modified during the emer-
9 gency period shall be repealed or modified, as applicable,

1 the day after the expiration of the emergency period and
2 thereafter, unless a Federal Regulatory Review Commis-
3 sion recommends the regulation should not be repealed or
4 modified, as applicable, and a law is enacted confirming
5 the recommendation.

6 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSIONS.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There are established Com-
8 missions to be known as the “Federal Regulatory Review
9 Commissions”.

10 (b) MEMBERS.—Each Commission shall be composed
11 of members of the congressional committee of each juris-
12 diction and the head of each agency under the jurisdiction
13 of that committee (in this Act referred to as the “mem-
14 bers”).

15 (c) INFORMATION.—Members may obtain informa-
16 tion from individuals with expertise in the operations and
17 regulations of government programs.

18 (d) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONS.—

19 (1) REVIEW OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.—Not
20 later than 2 months after the date of the enactment
21 of this Act, each Commission shall submit to the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
23 majority leader of the Senate an official rec-
24 ommendation, on the repeal or modification of each
25 regulation waived or modified during the emergency

1 period. Each regulation waived or modified during
2 the emergency period shall remain waived or modi-
3 fied, as applicable, during the review period by the
4 Commission.

5 (2) EXTENSION.—The deadline in paragraph
6 (1) may be extended for an additional month if the
7 Congress enacts legislation extending such deadline
8 by a vote of a majority of the House of Representa-
9 tives and the Senate.

10 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

11 (1) AGENCY REPORT ON REGULATIONS.—Not
12 later than 1 month after the date of the enactment
13 of this Act, the head of each agency shall submit to
14 each congressional committee of jurisdiction a report
15 that includes—

16 (A) an analysis of whether or not the agen-
17 cy can function without the regulation or with
18 the modified regulation, as applicable; and

19 (B) an analysis of whether the regulation
20 should be restored to its original state before
21 the emergency period or should remain repealed
22 or modified, as applicable.

23 (2) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REQUIRED.—The
24 head of an agency shall provide a public comment

1 period before submitting a report pursuant to para-
2 graph (1).

3 (f) CONGRESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION.—Not later
4 than 1 month after receiving a report from the head of
5 each agency pursuant to subsection (e), each committee
6 shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Representa-
7 tives and the majority leader of the Senate an official rec-
8 ommendation on whether or not the repealed or modified
9 regulation should be re-established.

10 (g) SUNSET OF COMMISSIONS.—The Commissions
11 established in this section shall terminate on the final day
12 of the final recommendation by each committee.

13 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act:

15 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
16 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
17 United States Code.

18 (2) EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The term “emer-
19 gency period” means the duration of a public health
20 emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the
21 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a re-
22 sult of confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus
23 (COVID–19), including any renewal thereof.

1 (3) REGULATION.—The term “regulation” has
2 the meaning given the term “rule” under section
3 551 of title 5, United States Code.

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