

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To establish in law the mission of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to protect public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, protect the environment, and improve the general welfare, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ 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 “NRC Mission Align-
5 ment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING THE GENERAL WELFARE AND LICENS-**
2 **ING EFFICIENCY.**

3 (a) MISSION OF COMMISSION.—Section 201 of the
4 Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5841) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(i) MISSION.—The mission of the Commission is to
7 license and regulate the civilian use of radioactive mate-
8 rials to—

9 “(1) provide reasonable assurance of adequate
10 protection of public health and safety;

11 “(2) promote the common defense and security;

12 “(3) protect the environment; and

13 “(4) improve the general welfare.”.

14 (b) OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION.—
15 Section 203 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974
16 (42 U.S.C. 5843) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “(a) There”
18 and inserting the following:

19 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT; APPOINTMENT OF DIREC-
20 TOR.—There”;

21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph

23 (1)—

24 (i) by striking “(b) Subject” and in-
25 sserting the following:

26 “(b) FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR.—Subject”; and

1 (ii) by striking “delegate including:”
2 and inserting “delegate, including the fol-
3 lowing:”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “for the
5 discharge of the” and inserting “to fulfill the li-
6 censing and regulatory oversight”;

7 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “(c) Nothing”
8 and inserting the following:

9 “(d) RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFE OPERATION OF FA-
10 CILITIES.—Nothing”; and

11 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(c) LICENSING PROCESS.—In carrying out the prin-
14 cipal licensing and regulation functions under subsection
15 (b)(1), the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation shall—

16 “(1) establish techniques and guidance for eval-
17 uating applications for licenses for nuclear reactors
18 to support efficient, timely, and predictable reviews
19 of applications for such licences to enable the safe
20 and secure use of nuclear reactors; and

21 “(2) maintain the techniques and guidance es-
22 tablished under paragraph (1) by periodically assess-
23 ing and, if necessary, modifying such techniques and
24 guidance.”.