

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To update the role of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in the licensing and oversight of nuclear reactor facilities, 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 “Nuclear Advisory Com-  
5 mittee Reform Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 29 of the Atomic Energy  
8 Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2039) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “There is” and inserting the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is”; and

4 (2) by inserting “(referred to in this section as  
5 the ‘Committee’).” after “Reactor Safeguards”;

6 (3) by striking “consisting of” and all that fol-  
7 lows; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Committee shall consist of  
10 a maximum of 15 members, to be appointed by the Com-  
11 mission, who shall represent a diverse background of tech-  
12 nical expertise relevant to the mission of the Commission.

13 “(c) TERMS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
15 graph (2), the Commission may appoint a member  
16 of the Committee for not more than 2 terms of 4  
17 years each.

18 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The Commission may ap-  
19 point a member of the Committee for more than 2  
20 terms if the Commission determines that there is a  
21 compelling need for the member’s continued service.

22 “(d) PURPOSE.—The Committee shall—

23 “(1) review applications and submit reports in  
24 accordance with section 182 b.;

1           “(2) advise the Commission, as specifically re-  
2           quested, with respect to—

3                   “(A) the hazards of proposed or existing  
4           reactor facilities; and

5                   “(B) the adequacy of proposed reactor  
6           safety standards; and

7           “(3) perform such other duties related to novel  
8           or first-of-a-kind nuclear reactor designs, design  
9           modifications, technologies, or regulatory activities  
10          as the Commission may specifically request.

11          “(e) PRIORITY.—With respect to specifically request-  
12          ing Committee review and advice under subsection (d), the  
13          Commission shall—

14                   “(1) prioritize duties described in subsection  
15          (d)(3); and

16                   “(2) develop and implement policies to ensure  
17          efficient Committee review.

18          “(f) CHAIRPERSON.—The Commission shall des-  
19          ignate 1 member of the Committee as the Chairperson of  
20          the Committee.

21          “(g) PER DIEM.—The members of the Committee  
22          shall receive—

23                   “(1) a per diem compensation for each day  
24          spent in meetings, conferences, or other work of the  
25          Committee; and

1           “(2) compensation for necessary traveling or  
2           other expenses while engaged in the work of the  
3           Committee.

4           “(h) APPLICABILITY.—Section 163 shall apply to the  
5           Committee.”.

6           (b) LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW.—Section 182 b.  
7           of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2232(b))  
8           is amended to read as follows:

9           “b. REVIEW BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR  
10          SAFEGUARDS.—The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safe-  
11          guards shall—

12           “(1) if the Commission specifically requests, re-  
13          view—

14           “(A) applications for a license under sec-  
15          tion 103 or subsection a., b., or c. of section  
16          104; and

17           “(B) any application for an amendment to  
18          a license issued under section 103 or subsection  
19          a., b., or c. of section 104; and

20           “(2) submit a report with respect to a review  
21          carried out under paragraph (1), which shall be  
22          made part of the record of the application and avail-  
23          able to the public, except to the extent that security  
24          classification prevents disclosure.”.