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116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 2211

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. McNERNEY, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. RUSH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Stop Tip-overs of Unstable, Risky Dressers on Youth Act” or the “STURDY Act”.

SEC. 2. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARD TO PROTECT AGAINST TIP-OVER OF CLOTHING STORAGE UNITS.

(a) CLOTHING STORAGE UNIT DEFINED.—In this section, the term “clothing storage unit” means any furniture item manufactured in the United States or imported for use in the United States that is intended for the storage of clothing, typical of bedroom furniture, including furniture items that—

(1) are commonly referred to as a chest, door chest, chest of drawers, dresser, or bureau; or

(2) may contain a chest, door chest, chest of drawers, dresser, or bureau.

(b) CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARD REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (c)(1), not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Consumer Product Safety Commission shall—

(A) in consultation with representatives of consumer groups, clothing storage unit manufacturers, craft or handmade furniture manu-
facturers, and independent child product engi-
eers and experts, examine and assess the ef-
effectiveness of any voluntary consumer product
safety standards for clothing storage units; and

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

(i) tests that simulate the weight of
children up to 72 months of age using the
most recent anthropometric data;

(ii) objective, repeatable, and measurable tests that simulate real world use and
account for any impact on clothing storage unit stability that may result from place-
ment on carpeted surfaces, drawers with
items in them, multiple open drawers, or
dynamic force;

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

(iv) warning requirements based on
ASTM F2057-17, or its successor at the
time of enactment, provided that the Con-
sumer Product Safety Commission shall strengthen the requirements of ASTM F2057-17, or its successor, if reasonably necessary to protect children from tip-over-related death or injury.


(c) SUBSEQUENT RULEMAKING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—At any time subsequent to the publication of a consumer product safety standard under subsection (b)(1), the Commission may initiate a rulemaking, in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code to modify the requirements of the consumer product safety standard described in subsection (b)(1) if reasonably necessary to protect children from tip-over-related death or injury.

(2) TREATMENT OF RULES.—Any rule promulgated under paragraph (1) shall be treated as a consumer product safety rule promulgated under section 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2058).
Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety rule for clothing storage units to protect children from tip-over related death or injury, and for other purposes.”.