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# H. R. 2106

To establish a Blue Ribbon Commission to Eliminate Duplicative and  
Noncompetitive Federal Regulations.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIGHTFOOT (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BUYER, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. PETRI, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SUNDQUIST, Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming, and Mr. WELDON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

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## A BILL

To establish a Blue Ribbon Commission to Eliminate  
Duplicative and Noncompetitive Federal Regulations.

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 “Blue Ribbon Commis-  
5 sion to Eliminate Duplicative and Noncompetitive Federal  
6 Regulations Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

2       There is established a commission known as the Blue  
3 Ribbon Commission to Eliminate Duplicative and Non-  
4 competitive Federal Regulations (hereinafter in this Act  
5 referred to as the “Commission”).

6 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall—

8           (1) conduct a survey of the private sector to de-  
9 termine which Federal regulations are duplicative or  
10 impede competition;

11           (2) conduct in-depth reviews of regulations pro-  
12 mulgated by the executive agencies;

13           (3)(A) review existing Government Accounting  
14 Office reports, Congressional Budget Office reports,  
15 Inspector General reports, and other existing govern-  
16 mental and nongovernmental recommendations for  
17 reducing duplicative or noncompetitive Federal regu-  
18 lations; and

19           (B) based on the review conducted pursuant to  
20 subparagraph (A), periodically submit to the Presi-  
21 dent and the Congress a report on those rec-  
22 ommendations, with estimated savings, that the  
23 Commission determines are most significant, and in-  
24 clude in the report a determination of whether such  
25 recommendations can be implemented by Executive  
26 order or whether it requires legislative action; and

1           (4) submit to the President and the Congress  
2           recommendations for streamlining Federal regula-  
3           tions and reducing costs and unnecessary paperwork  
4           that result from such regulations for both the  
5           Federal Government and the private sector.

6           (b) PARTICULAR AREAS TO BE EXAMINED.—In ful-  
7           filling the duties required by (a), the Commission shall  
8           identify and address—

9           (1) opportunities for increased efficiency and  
10          reduced costs in regulations promulgated by the  
11          Federal Government that can be realized by execu-  
12          tive action or legislation without jeopardizing safety  
13          or environmental quality;

14          (2) specific reforms of the regulatory process  
15          that would yield savings, increase accountability and  
16          efficiency, and enhance public confidence in the reg-  
17          ulatory process; and

18          (3) specific areas in the Federal Government  
19          where potential savings would justify further study.

20   **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

21          (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The membership  
22          of the Commission shall be as follows:

23          (1) Thirteen members shall be appointed by the  
24          President from among individuals who are not offi-  
25          cers or employees of a Federal, State, of local gov-

1 ernment and who are especially qualified to serve on  
2 the Commission by virtue of their education, train-  
3 ing or experience.

4 (2) The majority leader and minority leader of  
5 the Senate and the Speaker and minority leader of  
6 the House of Representatives may submit rec-  
7 ommendations to the President concerning appoint-  
8 ments to the Commission.

9 (3) Not more than seven members of the Com-  
10 mission shall be of the same political party.

11 (b) CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—If a member  
12 of the Commission becomes an officer or employee of a  
13 Federal, State, or local government, such individual may  
14 continue as a member of the Commission for not longer  
15 than the thirty-day period beginning on the date such indi-  
16 vidual becomes such an officer or employee.

17 (c) APPOINTMENT OF ORIGINAL MEMBERS.—Ap-  
18 pointments shall be made within thirty days of enactment  
19 of this Act.

20 (d) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the  
21 life of the Commission.

22 (e) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission shall  
23 be filled within thirty days in the manner in which the  
24 original appointment was made.

25 (f) COMPENSATION.—

1           (1) RATES OF PAY.—Except as provided in  
2 paragraph (2), members of the Commission shall  
3 serve without pay.

4           (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the  
5 Commission shall receive travel expenses, including  
6 per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with  
7 sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States  
8 Code.

9           (g) QUORUM.—Five members of the Commission  
10 shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold  
11 hearings.

12          (h) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the Com-  
13 mission shall be elected by the members of the Commis-  
14 sion from among the members.

15          (i) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at least  
16 once each month at the call of the Chairperson of the  
17 Commission.

18 **SEC. 5. STAFF AND SUPPORT SERVICES.**

19          (a) DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall have a Direc-  
20 tor appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission and  
21 paid at a rate determined by the Commission.

22          (b) STAFF.—With the approval of the Commission,  
23 the Director of the Commission may appoint such person-  
24 nel as the Director considers appropriate.

1 **SEC. 6. POWERS.**

2 (a) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commission  
3 may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold hear-  
4 ings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and  
5 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.

6 (b) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—Any member or  
7 agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the Com-  
8 mission, take any action which the Commission is author-  
9 ized to take by this section.

10 (c) INFORMATION.—The Commission may secure di-  
11 rectly from any Federal agency information necessary to  
12 enable it to carry out this Act. Upon request of the Chair-  
13 person of the Commission, the head of the Federal agency  
14 shall furnish the information to the Commission.

15 (d) CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY.—The Commission  
16 may contract with and compensate government and pri-  
17 vate agencies or persons for supplies or services without  
18 regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C.  
19 5).

20 (e) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use, and  
21 dispose of gifts or donations of services or property.

22 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

23 (a) PERIODIC REPORTS.—Pursuant to section  
24 3(a)(3), the Commission shall issue periodic reports to the  
25 President and the Congress.

1 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than two years after  
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall  
3 submit to the President and the Congress a final report  
4 setting forth the findings and conclusions of the Commis-  
5 sion and specific recommendations for legislative and ad-  
6 ministrative actions that the Commission determines to be  
7 appropriate.

8 **SEC. 8. FUNDING.**

9 The Commission shall be funded, staffed and  
10 equipped, to the extent practicable and permitted by law,  
11 by the private sector without cost to the Federal Govern-  
12 ment. To accomplish this objective, it is expected that the  
13 Secretary of Commerce will engage in a joint project with  
14 a nonprofit organization, pursuant to the first section of  
15 Public Law 91–412 (15 U.S.C. 1525) for the purpose of  
16 aiding the Commission in exercising its power and per-  
17 forming its duties under this Act.

18 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
20 (b), the Commission shall terminate not later than the ex-  
21 piration of the thirty-day period beginning on the date on  
22 which the Commission submits its final report under sec-  
23 tion 7(b).

24 (b) EXTENSION OF LIFE OF COMMISSION.—The  
25 President may extend the life of the Commission for a six

1 month period beginning on the date on which the Commis-  
2 sion terminates under subsection (a), and for successive  
3 six month periods thereafter.

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