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# H. R. 4873

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCHALE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Regulatory Compliance  
5       Assistance Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. RULINGS.**

7       Section 301 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
8       ed—

9               (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The head”,

10              (2) by adding at the end the following:

1       “(b)(1) The head of each executive department and  
2 executive agency may, upon request, issue a ruling to any  
3 individual or entity respecting the application of the laws  
4 under the jurisdiction of such department or agency to  
5 such individual or entity on the basis of information pro-  
6 vided by such individual or entity.

7       “(2)(A) The head of an executive department or execu-  
8 tive agency shall establish a program requiring the pay-  
9 ment of user fees for requests to the department or agency  
10 for a ruling under paragraph (1).

11       “(B) The program established under subparagraph  
12 (A) shall require that the amount of the fee charged shall  
13 be determined after taking into account the average time  
14 for, and difficulty of, complying with requests for rulings  
15 and shall be payable in advance. The program shall pro-  
16 vide for such exemptions and reduced fees under the pro-  
17 gram as the head of the executive department or executive  
18 agency determines to be appropriate.”,

19               (3) by inserting at the end of the section head-  
20 ing “**and rulings**”, and

21               (4) in the item relating to section 301 in the  
22 table of sections, by inserting at the end of the item  
23 “and rulings”.

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