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H. R. 4934

To authorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue a consumer product safety rule to prevent injuries to users of vending machines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2000

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (for herself, Mr. LAMPSON, and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 “Vending Machine Safe-
5 ty Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In June of 2000, a 4 year old O’Fallon,
9 Missouri boy had to be rescued after getting trapped

1 inside a crane vending machine. The child had
2 crawled into the machine through the trap door
3 through which toys are dispensed. The child was
4 freed from the machine only after rescue workers
5 pried the top of the machine off.

6 (2) In June of 2000, a second case of a child
7 being trapped inside the same trap door of a crane
8 vending machine occurred in Texas.

9 (3) Since 1990, the Consumer Product Safety
10 Commission has received at least 43 reported inci-
11 dents of individuals' use of vending machines which
12 has resulted in personal injury primarily to the indi-
13 viduals' arms and hands.

14 (4) 25 of the reported injuries were suffered by
15 minors and of those 25, 15 were suffered by children
16 under the age of 10.

17 (5) It is clear that there are defects in the de-
18 sign of the vending machines which have led to the
19 reported injuries. The Consumer Product Safety
20 Commission has been charged with protecting the
21 public from injuries resulting from the use of prod-
22 ucts and it should be given authority over vending
23 machines to protect the public.

1 **SEC. 3. VENDING MACHINE RULE.**

2 The Consumer Product Safety Commission shall
3 issue a consumer product safety standard for the manu-
4 facture and installation of crane vending machines and
5 any other machine which is designed to dispense a prod-
6 uct. Such standard may also prescribe standards respect-
7 ing labels or signs relating to the use of such machines
8 to prevent injuries to individuals, including children, using
9 the machines or taking action with respect to the machines
10 which may result in personal injury. Such standard shall
11 be issued under the Consumer Product Safety Act, except
12 that the Commission may issue such standard in accord-
13 ance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

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