

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2379

To prohibit the transportation of certain volatile crude oil by rail.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2015

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To prohibit the transportation of certain volatile crude oil
by rail.

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. TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL BY RAIL.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT.—Subchapter II of chapter 201 of
5 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 20168. Transportation of crude oil.**

8 “(a) INITIAL RULE.—Effective on the date of enact-
9 ment of this section, no crude oil with a Reid vapor pres-
10 sure level greater than 8.5 psi may be transported by rail
11 in interstate commerce.

1 “(b) MAXIMUM VOLATILITY STANDARD.—The Sec-
2 retary of Transportation, in consultation with the Sec-
3 retary of Energy, shall establish an appropriate national
4 standard for the maximum volatility of crude oil to be per-
5 mitted to be shipped by rail.

6 “(c) SUBSEQUENT RULE.—After a standard is estab-
7 lished under subsection (b), no crude oil with a volatility
8 level greater than that standard may be transported by
9 rail in interstate commerce, and the rule under subsection
10 (a) shall expire.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
12 tions of such subchapter is amended by adding after the
13 item relating to section 20167 the following:

“20168. Transportation of crude oil.”.

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