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To require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID–19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2021

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 17, 2021

Reported by Ms. CANTWELL, with an amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “COVID–19 Home
3 Safety Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORT.**

5 (a) COVID–19 REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than
6 3 months after the date of the enactment of this section
7 and every 3 months thereafter for the duration of the
8 COVID–19 public health emergency, the Consumer Prod-
9 uct Safety Commission shall submit to the Committee on
10 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
11 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
12 tation of the Senate, and make publicly available, a report
13 on the effect of the COVID–19 public health emergency
14 on injuries and deaths from consumer products.

15 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report shall include
16 the following:

17 (1) A list of the top consumer products,
18 prioritizing products *that caused serious injury or*
19 *death as well as products* that have been associated
20 with the highest risk of serious injury or death dur-
21 ing the COVID–19 emergency. The list under this
22 paragraph should be based on relevant data and sta-
23 tistics from—

24 (A) the data sources of the Commission;

25 (B) other appropriate agencies;

26 (C) media reports;

1 (D) poison control centers, to the extent
2 practical; and

3 (E) any other relevant data sources.

4 (2) An identification of trends in injuries and
5 deaths in the consumer products listed under para-
6 graph (1), comparing data from representative time
7 periods before and during the COVID–19 public
8 health emergency.

9 (3) An identification of subpopulations that
10 have experienced elevated risk of injury or death
11 from the consumer products listed under paragraph
12 (1) during the COVID–19 public health emergency,
13 such as minorities, infants, people with disabilities,
14 children, or the elderly.

15 (4) An identification of where most injuries or
16 deaths from consumer products during the COVID–
17 19 public health emergency are taking place, such as
18 the type of building or outdoor environment.

19 (5) An identification of whether any specific
20 consumer products in the categories described in
21 paragraph (1) are—

22 (A) under recall or other corrective action;

23 (B) subject to a voluntary consumer prod-
24 uct safety standard; or

1 (C) subject to a mandatory consumer prod-
2 uct safety standard.

3 (6) An identification of any emerging consumer
4 products or consumer product categories that are
5 posing new risks to consumers.

6 (7) A comprehensive assessment of the Com-
7 mission's operations, re-entry criteria and associated
8 metrics, operational readiness, enforcement efforts
9 (including import-export surveillance of counterfeit
10 and untested consumer goods and laboratory func-
11 tions), and corrective action taken (including the
12 number of corrective actions announced and recall
13 effectiveness) during the COVID-19 public health
14 emergency and recommendations to improve the
15 Commission's ability to address unforeseen effects of
16 the COVID-19 public health emergency with regard
17 to consumer product safety.

18 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION.—The Con-
19 sumer Product Safety Commission shall coordinate with
20 public media outlets to distribute resource information
21 based on the report under this section to help increase
22 home safety during the COVID-19 public health emer-
23 gency, including information such as Home Safe Check-
24 lists.

1 (d) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DE-
2 FINED.—The term “COVID–19 public health emergency”
3 means a public health emergency declared pursuant to sec-
4 tion 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
5 247d) as a result of confirmed cases of 2019 novel
6 coronavirus (COVID–19), including any renewal thereof.

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