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# H. R. 1751

[Report No. 112-191]

To amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2011

Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, and Mr. CLAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

AUGUST 1, 2011

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

# **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 “CJ’s Home Protection  
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7        The Congress finds that—

8            (1) nearly 20,000,000 Americans live in manu-  
9            factured homes, which often provide a more acces-  
10            sible and affordable way for many families to buy  
11            their own homes;

12            (2) manufactured housing plays a vital role in  
13            providing housing for low- and moderate-income  
14            families in the United States;

15            (3) NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) is a nation-  
16            wide network of radio stations broadcasting contin-  
17            uous weather information directly from a nearby Na-  
18            tional Weather Service (NWS) office, and broadcasts  
19            NWS warnings, watches, forecasts, and other all-  
20            hazard information 24 hours a day;

21            (4) the operators of manufactured housing com-  
22            munities should be encouraged to provide a safe  
23            place of shelter for community residents or a plan  
24            for the evacuation of community residents to a safe  
25            place of shelter within a reasonable distance of the

1 community for use by community residents in times  
2 of severe weather, including tornados and high  
3 winds, and local municipalities should be encouraged  
4 to require approval of these plans; and

5 (5) weather radio manufacturers should include,  
6 in the packaging of weather radios, a written re-  
7 minder to replace the batteries twice each year and  
8 written instructions on how to do so.

9 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL MANUFACTURED HOME CONSTRUCTION**  
10 **AND SAFETY STANDARD.**

11 Section 604 of the National Manufactured Housing  
12 Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42  
13 U.S.C. 5403) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
14 lowing new subsection:

15 “(i) WEATHER RADIOS.—

16 “(1) CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY STAND-  
17 ARD.—The Federal manufactured home construction  
18 and safety standards established by the Secretary  
19 under this section shall require that each manufac-  
20 tured home delivered for sale shall be supplied with  
21 a weather radio inside the manufactured home  
22 that—

23 “(A) is capable of broadcasting emergency  
24 information relating to local weather conditions;

25 “(B) is equipped with a tone alarm;

1           “(C) is equipped with Specific Alert Mes-  
2           sage Encoding, or SAME technology; and

3           “(D) complies with Consumer Electronics  
4           Association (CEA) Standard 2009–A (or cur-  
5           rent revision thereof) Performance Specification  
6           for Public Alert Receivers.

7           “(2) LIABILITY PROTECTIONS.—No aspect of  
8           the function, operation, performance, capabilities, or  
9           utilization of the weather radio required under this  
10          subsection, or any instructions related thereto, shall  
11          be subject to the requirements of sections 613 or  
12          615 or any regulations promulgated by the Secretary  
13          pursuant to the authority under such sections.”.

14 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT.**

15          Not later than the expiration of the 90-day period  
16          beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
17          consensus committee established pursuant to section  
18          604(a)(3) of the National Manufactured Housing Con-  
19          struction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
20          5304(a)(3)) shall develop and submit to the Secretary of  
21          Housing and Urban Development a proposed Federal  
22          manufactured home construction and safety standard re-  
23          quired under section 604(i) of such Act (as added by the  
24          amendment made by section 3 of this Act). Notwith-  
25          standing section 604(a)(5)(B) of such Act, the Secretary

1 of Housing and Urban Development shall issue a final  
2 order promulgating the standard required by such section  
3 604(i) not later than the expiration of the 90-day period  
4 beginning upon receipt by the Secretary of the proposed  
5 standard developed and submitted by the consensus com-  
6 mittee.

7 **SEC. 5. STUDY.**

8       The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
9 shall conduct a study regarding conditioning the applica-  
10 bility of the requirement under the amendment made by  
11 section 3 of this Act (relating to supplying weather radios  
12 in manufactured homes) on the geographic location at  
13 which a manufactured home is placed, but only to the ex-  
14 tent that such requirement applies to new manufactured  
15 homes and new site-built homes. In conducting such study  
16 and making determinations under the study, the Secretary  
17 shall take into consideration severe weather conditions,  
18 such as high winds and flooding, and wind zones and other  
19 severe weather data available from the National Weather  
20 Service. Not later than the expiration of the 18-month pe-  
21 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,  
22 the Secretary shall complete the study and submit a report  
23 regarding the results of the study to the Committee on  
24 Financial Services of the House of Representatives and

- 1 to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
- 2 fairs of the Senate.

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