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To create a mandatory safety standard to require portable generators to meet certain standards relating to carbon monoxide, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CASSIDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Safe Generators Save
5 Lives Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARD FOR**
7 **PORTABLE GENERATORS.**

8 (a) FINAL STANDARD FOR PORTABLE GENERA-
9 TORS.—

1 (1) MANDATORY STANDARD.—Not later than 1
2 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Consumer Product Safety Commission shall promul-
4 gate, in accordance with section 553 of title 5,
5 United States Code, a final consumer product safety
6 standard for portable generators to protect con-
7 sumers from death or injury relating to the use of
8 such generators.

9 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The final standard pro-
10 mulgated under paragraph (1) shall incorporate re-
11 quirements that are substantially the same as each
12 of the following:

13 (A) The requirements of the—

14 (i) American National Standard for
15 Carbon Monoxide Emission Rate of Port-
16 able Generators (ANSI/UL 2201), or any
17 related successor standard, that relate to
18 carbon monoxide concentration limits; or

19 (ii) American National Standard for
20 Safety and Performance of Portable Gen-
21 erators (ANSI/PGMA G300–2018), or any
22 related successor standard, except where
23 such requirements conflict with any other
24 requirement under this paragraph.

1 (B) A requirement that a portable gener-
2 ator shall include clear and conspicuous labeling
3 marking the direction of exhaust, and a label
4 indicating that portable generators should not
5 be used inside.

6 (C) A requirement that the cord of a port-
7 able generator may not be shorter than 30 feet
8 in length.

9 (D) A requirement relating to the shutoff
10 capability of a portable generator in an elevated
11 carbon monoxide environment.

12 (E) Other shutoff requirements and test
13 specifications the Commission determines nec-
14 essary to protect consumers from the risk of in-
15 jury relating to the use of portable generators.

16 (3) COMPLIANCE DATES.—The Commission
17 shall include in the final standard promulgated
18 under paragraph (1) a compliance date that is not
19 later than 1 year after the date of such promulga-
20 tion, by which portable generators shall comply with
21 the final standard.

22 (4) REVIEW AND REVISION OF STANDARD.—Be-
23 ginning 1 year after the date of the promulgation of
24 the final standard under paragraph (1) and not less
25 frequently than every 5 years thereafter, the Com-

1 mission shall review and revise such standard to en-
2 sure the highest level of safety feasible with respect
3 to portable generators.

4 (5) TREATMENT OF STANDARD.—The final
5 standard promulgated under paragraph (1), includ-
6 ing any revision of such standard made pursuant to
7 paragraph (4), shall be treated as a consumer prod-
8 uct safety rule promulgated under section 9 of the
9 Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2058).

10 (b) VIOLATION.—Failure to comply with subsection
11 (a) shall be treated as a violation of section 19 of the Con-
12 sumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2068).

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