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To amend the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to improve the labeling of textile fiber and wool products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROYHILL (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. JENKINS, and Mr. DERRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 That this Act may be cited as the "Textile Fiber and Wool
4 Products Identification Improvement Act".

5 SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 4 of the Textile Fiber
6 Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended by
7 adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:



1 “(5) If it is a textile fiber product processed or
2 manufactured in the United States, it be so
3 identified.”.

4 SEC. 3. Subsection (e) of section 4 of the Textile Fiber
5 Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 “(e) For purposes of this Act, in addition to the textile
8 fiber products contained therein, a package of textile fiber
9 products intended for sale to the ultimate consumer shall be
10 misbranded unless such package has affixed to it a stamp,
11 tag, label, or other means of identification bearing the infor-
12 mation required by subsection (b), with respect to such con-
13 tained textile fiber products, or is transparent to the extent it
14 allows for the clear reading of the stamp, tag, label, or other
15 means of identification on the textile fiber product, or in the
16 case of hosiery items, this section shall not be construed as
17 requiring the affixing of a stamp, tag, label, or other means of
18 identification to each hosiery product contained in a package
19 if (1) such hosiery products are intended for sale to the ulti-
20 mate consumer in such package, (2) such package has affixed
21 to it a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification bear-
22 ing, with respect to the hosiery products contained therein,
23 the information required by subsection (b), and (3) the infor-
24 mation on the stamp, tag, label, or other means of identifica-

1 tion affixed to such package is equally applicable with respect
2 to each textile fiber product contained therein.”.

3 **SEC. 4.** Section 4 of the Textile Fiber Products Identifi-
4 cation Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended by adding at the end
5 thereof the following new subsections:

6 “(i) For the purposes of this Act, a textile fiber product
7 shall be considered to be falsely or deceptively advertised in
8 any mail order catalog or mail order promotional material
9 which is used in the direct sale or direct offering for sale of
10 such textile fiber product, unless such textile fiber product
11 description states in a clear and conspicuous manner that
12 such textile fiber product is processed or manufactured in the
13 United States of America, or imported, or both.

14 “(j) For purposes of this Act, any textile fiber product
15 shall be misbranded if a stamp, tag, label, or other identifica-
16 tion conforming to the requirements of this section is not on
17 or affixed to the collar of such product if such product con-
18 tains a collar, or if such product does not contain a collar in
19 the most conspicuous place on the inner side of such product,
20 unless it is on or affixed on the outer side of such product, or
21 in the case of hosiery items on the outer side of such product
22 or package.”.

23 **SEC. 5.** Paragraph (2) of section 4(a) of the Wool Prod-
24 ucts Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68b(1)) is amended by
25 adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraphs:

1 “(5) If it is an imported wool product without the
2 name of the country where processed or manufactured.

3 “(6) If it is a wool product processed or manufac-
4 tured in the United States, it shall be so identified.”.

5 SEC. 6. Section 4 of the Wool Products Labeling Act of
6 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68b) is amended by adding at the end there-
7 of the following new subsections:

8 “(e) For the purposes of this Act, a wool product shall
9 be considered to be falsely or deceptively advertised in any
10 mail order catalog or mail order promotional material which
11 is used in the direct sale or direct offering for sale of such
12 wool product, unless such wool product description states in
13 a clear and conspicuous manner that such wool product is
14 processed or manufactured in the United States of America,
15 or imported, or both.

16 “(f) For purposes of this Act, any wool product shall be
17 misbranded if a stamp, tag, label, or other identification con-
18 forming to the requirements of this section is not on or affixed
19 to the collar of such product if such product contains a collar,
20 or if such product does not contain a collar in the most con-
21 spicuous place on the inner side of such product, unless it is
22 on or affixed on the outer side of such product or in the case
23 of hosiery items, on the outer side of such product or pack-
24 age.”.

1 SEC. 7. Section 5 of the Wool Products Labeling Act of
2 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68c) is amended—

3 (1) by striking out “Any person” in the first para-
4 graph and inserting in lieu thereof “(a) Any person”,

5 (2) by striking out “Any person” in the second
6 paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof “(b) Any
7 person”, and

8 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) (as designated
9 by this section) the following new subsection:

10 “(c) For the purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of this
11 section, any package of wool products intended for sale to the
12 ultimate consumer shall also be considered a wool product
13 and shall have affixed to it a stamp, tag, label, or other
14 means of identification bearing the information required by
15 section 4, with respect to the wool products contained there-
16 in, unless such package of wool products is transparent to the
17 extent that it allows for the clear reading of the stamp, tag,
18 label, or other means of identification affixed to the wool
19 product, or in the case of hosiery items this section shall not
20 be construed as requiring the affixing of a stamp, tag, label,
21 or other means of identification to each hosiery product con-
22 tained in a package if (1) such hosiery products are intended
23 for sale to the ultimate consumer in such package, (2) such
24 package has affixed to it a stamp, tag, label, or other means
25 of identification bearing, with respect to the hosiery products

1 contained therein, the information required by subsection (4),
2 and (3) the information on the stamp, tag, label, or other
3 means of identification affixed to such package is equally ap-
4 plicable with respect to each hosiery product contained
5 therein.

6 SEC. 8. The amendments made by this Act shall be
7 effective ninety days after the date of enactment of this
8 Act.

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