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To establish an Office of Recycling Research and Information in the Department of Commerce, to require research on the recycling of scrap automotive tires, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. TORRES, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. LANCASTER, Mr. NEAL of North Carolina, Mr. FROST, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FISH, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. ANDREWS of Maine, Mr. BLACKWELL, and Mr. WISE) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Tire Recycling Pro-
5 motion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF RECYCLING RESEARCH AND INFORMA-**
2 **TION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 6 months after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 Commerce, in consultation with the Administrator of the
6 Environmental Protection Agency, shall appoint a Direc-
7 tor of Recycling Research and Information.

8 (b) FUNCTIONS.—The Director of Recycling Re-
9 search and Information—

10 (1) shall make grants under subsection (c) and
11 under section 3; and

12 (2) shall collect, catalog, and disseminate infor-
13 mation to interested persons regarding waste dis-
14 posal and recycling technology.

15 (c) GRANTS.—The Director of Recycling Research
16 and Information shall make grants to public and private
17 entities to support research and development by such enti-
18 ties relating to innovative recycling technology.

19 (d) PAY.—The Director of Recycling Research and
20 Information shall be paid at a rate, determined by the Sec-
21 retary of Commerce, that is less than the rate of basic
22 pay payable for positions under section 5316 of title 5,
23 United States Code.

24 **SEC. 3. WASTE TIRE RECYCLING RESEARCH.**

25 (a) WASTE TIRE RESEARCH GRANTS.—The Director
26 of Recycling Research and Information shall make grants

1 to public and private entities for studies to determine the
2 following:

3 (1) The extent of problems created by waste
4 tires in landfills and waste tire piles.

5 (2) The feasibility of requiring that all tires be
6 shredded before landfilling.

7 (3) The feasibility of prohibiting landfilling of
8 tires or requiring shredding prior to disposal.

9 (4) The adequacy of current systems for man-
10 aging waste tires.

11 (5) The feasibility of innovative techniques for
12 reclaiming or recycling waste tires, including sys-
13 tems to create new tires using waste tires and tech-
14 niques to create other durable products and material
15 for construction and road building from waste tires.

16 (6) Possible tire manufacturing strategies that
17 facilitate recycling.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce
20 shall submit to Congress a report containing the results
21 of the research conducted under subsection (a).

22 (c) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Director
23 of Recycling Research and Information shall collect, cata-
24 log, and disseminate to all interested parties information

1 on tire reclamation technologies and markets for used
2 tires.

3 (d) ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.—The Secretary of
4 Commerce shall work with tire manufacturers, State gov-
5 ernments, conservation organizations, and the public to in-
6 crease economic opportunities for the recycling of tires,
7 including efforts to create markets for used tires.

8 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Direc-
10 tor of Recycling Research and Information appointed pur-
11 suant to section 2, for making grants and carrying out
12 other activities authorized by this Act, not more than
13 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1994.

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