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To require the Department of Energy to study potential regulatory improvements that may help alleviate high fuel prices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. ENGLISH) 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 the Secretary of Energy shall undertake a study of
4 areas where Federal regulations may be modified to help
5 alleviate ongoing gasoline price pressures, including—

6 (1) the potential for improvements related to
7 increased costs resulting from the high number of
8 “boutique” fuel formulations produced in the United
9 States;

1 (2) the potential for decreasing refining costs
2 through changes in fuel Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP)
3 requirements;

4 (3) the potential for cost savings through regu-
5 latory changes related to the transition from winter
6 to summer fuel mixes; and

7 (4) any other areas that the Secretary believes
8 that regulations could be streamlined or improved to
9 alleviate high fuel prices.

10 The Secretary shall submit a report to Congress con-
11 taining the results of such study within 90 days after the
12 enactment of this Act.

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