

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3404

To require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to conduct a study on methods to dramatically increase the percentage of consumers effectively reached by product safety recalls.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Consumer Product  
5 Safety Recall Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON INCREASING PERCENTAGE**  
2 **OF CONSUMERS EFFECTIVELY REACHED BY**  
3 **PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS.**

4 The Consumer Product Safety Commission shall con-  
5 duct a study, in close consultation with manufacturers, re-  
6 tailers, consumer reporting agencies, systems suppliers,  
7 and consumer advocates, on methods to dramatically in-  
8 crease the number of consumers effectively reached by  
9 product safety recalls, including by creation of an im-  
10 proved consumer recall notification system. Such a system  
11 should enable product recalls to reach a majority of own-  
12 ers of recalled products, should be consistent with safety,  
13 business practicalities, timeliness, and concerns for pri-  
14 vacy, and should be able to be carried out without unrea-  
15 sonable costs to businesses and without cost or inconven-  
16 ience to affected consumers. Not later than 1 year after  
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall  
18 submit to the Congress a report on the study and shall  
19 include in the report the Commission's findings, rec-  
20 ommendations, and a proposed plan for implementation  
21 of such a consumer recall notification system.

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