

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To establish Federal Regulatory Review Commissions, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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for other purposes.

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 “Coronavirus Regu-  
5 latory Repeal Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OR MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS DUR-**  
7 **ING THE EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

8 Any regulation waived or modified during the emer-  
9 gency period shall be repealed or modified, as applicable,  
10 the day after the expiration of the emergency period and  
11 thereafter, unless a Federal Regulatory Review Commis-

1 sion recommends the regulation should not be repealed or  
2 modified, as applicable, and a law is enacted confirming  
3 the recommendation.

4 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSIONS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There are established Com-  
6 missions to be known as the “Federal Regulatory Review  
7 Commissions”.

8 (b) MEMBERS.—Each Commission shall be composed  
9 of members of the congressional committee of each juris-  
10 diction and the head of each agency under the jurisdiction  
11 of that committee (in this Act referred to as the “mem-  
12 bers”).

13 (c) INFORMATION.—Members may obtain informa-  
14 tion from individuals with expertise in the operations and  
15 regulations of government programs.

16 (d) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONS.—

17 (1) REVIEW OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.—Not  
18 later than 2 months after the date of the enactment  
19 of this Act, each Commission shall submit to the  
20 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
21 majority leader of the Senate an official rec-  
22 ommendation, on the repeal or modification of each  
23 regulation waived or modified during the emergency  
24 period. Each regulation waived or modified during  
25 the emergency period shall remain waived or modi-

1       fied, as applicable, during the review period by the  
2       Commission.

3           (2) EXTENSION.—The deadline in paragraph  
4       (1) may be extended for an additional month if the  
5       Congress enacts legislation extending such deadline  
6       by a vote of a majority of the House of Representa-  
7       tives and the Senate.

8       (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

9           (1) AGENCY REPORT ON REGULATIONS.—Not  
10       later than 1 month after the date of the enactment  
11       of this Act, the head of each agency shall submit to  
12       each congressional committee of jurisdiction a report  
13       that includes—

14           (A) an analysis of whether or not the agen-  
15       cy can function without the regulation or with  
16       the modified regulation, as applicable; and

17           (B) an analysis of whether the regulation  
18       should be restored to its original state before  
19       the emergency period or should remain repealed  
20       or modified, as applicable.

21           (2) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REQUIRED.—The  
22       head of an agency shall provide a public comment  
23       period before submitting a report pursuant to para-  
24       graph (1).

1 (f) CONGRESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION.—Not later  
2 than 1 month after receiving a report from the head of  
3 each agency pursuant to subsection (e), each committee  
4 shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Representa-  
5 tives and the majority leader of the Senate an official rec-  
6 ommendation on whether or not the repealed or modified  
7 regulation should be re-established.

8 (g) SUNSET OF COMMISSIONS.—The Commissions  
9 established in this section shall terminate on the final day  
10 of the final recommendation by each committee.

11 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

13 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the  
14 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,  
15 United States Code.

16 (2) EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The term “emer-  
17 gency period” means the duration of a public health  
18 emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the  
19 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) as a re-  
20 sult of confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus  
21 (COVID–19), including any renewal thereof.

22 (3) REGULATION.—The term “regulation” has  
23 the meaning given the term “rule” under section  
24 551 of title 5, United States Code.