

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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At the end of title XII add the following:

1 **Subtitle E—Lowering Fuel Prices**

2 **SEC. 12511. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This subtitle may be cited as the “Lowering Fuel  
4 Prices for Consumers and Saving Small Refineries”.

5 **SEC. 12512. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY EXEMPTION OF**  
6 **SMALL REFINERIES FROM RENEWABLE FUEL**  
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 Section 211(o)(9) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 7545(o)(9)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end  
11 the following:

12 “(iii) **ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION.**—The  
13 requirements of paragraph (2) shall not  
14 apply to small refineries for calendar years  
15 2025 through 2030.”;

16 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

17 (A) in clause (i), by striking “the exemp-  
18 tion” and inserting “an exemption”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(iv) APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PETI-  
2           TIONS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph  
3           (B)(ii), the Administrator shall grant a pe-  
4           tition submitted by a small refinery for a  
5           hardship exemption if the Secretary of En-  
6           ergy determines that the disproportionate  
7           impacts and viability indices, as described  
8           in the ‘Small Refinery Exemption Study:  
9           An Investigation into Disproportionate  
10          Economic Hardship’ published by the Of-  
11          fice of Policy and International Affairs of  
12          the Department of Energy in March 2011,  
13          result in the recommendation of hardship  
14          relief. The Administrator shall grant an  
15          exemption based on the Secretary of Ener-  
16          gy’s recommendation of either a 50 percent  
17          or 100 percent exemption.

18           “(v) RELIEF.—

19           “(I) FORGIVENESS OF DEF-  
20           ICIT.—For any small refinery granted  
21           a hardship exemption, the Adminis-  
22           trator shall forgive any renewable fuel  
23           deficit of such small refinery under  
24           paragraph (5)(D) that exists on the  
25           date such petition is granted.

1                   “(II) DEPOSIT OF CREDITS.—If  
2                   any small refinery granted a hardship  
3                   exemption for does not have a renew-  
4                   able fuel deficit under paragraph  
5                   (5)(D), then the Administrator shall  
6                   deposit into the compliance bank of  
7                   such small refinery established under  
8                   subparagraph (E) credits equal to any  
9                   credits used during the calendar year  
10                  for which the hardship exemption is  
11                  granted to comply with the require-  
12                  ments of paragraph (2).”;

13                  (3) in subparagraphs (C) and (D), by striking  
14                  “the exemption” each place it appears and inserting  
15                  “an exemption”; and

16                  (4) by adding at the end the following:

17                         “(E) COMPLIANCE BANKS.—

18                                 “(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Adminis-  
19                                 trator shall establish a compliance bank for  
20                                 credits described in paragraph (5) for each  
21                                 small refinery described in (B)(v)(II).

22                                 “(ii) USE OF CREDITIS.—Notwith-  
23                                 standing paragraph (5)(C), a small refin-  
24                                 ery may annually use any credits in the  
25                                 compliance bank of such small refinery in

1 any amount to comply with the require-  
2 ments of paragraph (2).

3 “(iii) CONVERSION OF CREDITS.—  
4 Notwithstanding paragraph (5)(C), a small  
5 refinery may annually convert any credits  
6 in the compliance bank of such small refin-  
7 ery to marketable RINs in an amount not  
8 to exceed 25 percent of the highest total  
9 balance of credits in the compliance bank  
10 of such small refinery.

11 “(iv) DURATION OF CREDITS.—Cred-  
12 its in the compliance bank of a small refin-  
13 ery shall remain in such compliance bank  
14 until such small refinery uses the credits  
15 under clause (ii) or converts the credits  
16 under clause (iii).

17 “(F) PROHIBITION ON REALLOCATION.—  
18 For the purpose of making the determinations  
19 in paragraph (2)(B)(ii), for calendar year 2026  
20 and each calendar year thereafter, the Adminis-  
21 trator may not reallocate to other persons any  
22 renewable fuel obligation applicable to a small  
23 refining company that received an exemption  
24 under this section”.

1 **SEC. 12513. YEAR-ROUND E15.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 211(f)(4) of the Clean Air  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(f)(4)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “(4) The Administrator, upon”  
5 and inserting the following:

6 “(4) WAIVERS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator,  
8 on”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

10 (A) in the first sentence—

11 (i) by striking “of this sub-section”  
12 each place it appears;

13 (ii) by striking “if he determines” and  
14 inserting “if the Administrator deter-  
15 mines”;

16 (B) in the second sentence—

17 (i) by striking “The Administrator”  
18 and inserting the following:

19 “(B) FINAL ACTION.—The Adminis-  
20 trator”;

21 (C) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(C) REID VAPOR PRESSURE.—A fuel or  
23 fuel additive may be introduced into commerce  
24 if—

25 “(i) the Administrator determines  
26 that the fuel or fuel additive is substan-

1 tially similar to a fuel or fuel additive uti-  
2 lized in the certification of any model year  
3 vehicle pursuant to paragraph (1)(A); or

4 “(ii) the fuel or fuel additive—

5 “(I) has been granted a waiver  
6 under subparagraph (A) and meets all  
7 of the conditions of that waiver other  
8 than any limitation of the waiver with  
9 respect to the Reid Vapor Pressure of  
10 the fuel or fuel additive; and

11 “(II) the fuel or fuel additive  
12 meets all other applicable Reid Vapor  
13 Pressure requirements under sub-  
14 section (h).”.

15 (b) LIMITATION.—Section 211(h) of the Clean Air  
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(h)) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “vapor pressure” each place it  
18 appears and inserting “Vapor Pressure”;

19 (2) in paragraph (4), in the matter preceding  
20 subparagraph (A), by striking “10 percent” and in-  
21 serting “10 to 15 percent”; and

22 (3) in paragraph (5)(A)—

23 (A) by striking “Upon notification, accom-  
24 panied by” and inserting “On receipt of a noti-  
25 fication that is submitted after the date of en-

1 actment of the Farm, Food, and National Secu-  
2 rity Act of 2026, and is accompanied by appro-  
3 priate”;

4 (B) by striking “10 percent” and inserting  
5 “10 to 15 percent”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:  
7 “Upon the enactment of the Farm, Food, and  
8 National Security Act of 2026, any State for  
9 which the notification from the Governor of a  
10 State was submitted after January 1, 2022,  
11 and before the date of enactment of the Farm,  
12 Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and  
13 to which the Administrator applied the Reid  
14 Vapor Pressure limitation established by para-  
15 graph (1) shall instead have the Reid Vapor  
16 Pressure limitation established by paragraph  
17 (4) apply to all fuel blends containing gasoline  
18 and 10 to 15 percent denatured anhydrous eth-  
19 anol that are sold, offered for sale, dispensed,  
20 supplied, offered for supply, transported, or in-  
21 troduced into commerce in the area during the  
22 high ozone season.”.

