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To amend the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to improve the labeling of textile fiber and wool products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROYHILL (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. JENKINS, and Mr. DERRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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A BILL

To amend the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to improve the labeling of textile fiber and wool products.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Textile Fiber and Wool Products Identification Improvement Act".

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 4 of the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(5) If it is a textile fiber product processed or manufactured in the United States, it be so identified.".

SEC. 3. Subsection (e) of section 4 of the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) For purposes of this Act, in addition to the textile fiber products contained therein, a package of textile fiber products intended for sale to the ultimate consumer shall be misbranded unless such package has affixed to it a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification bearing the information required by subsection (b), with respect to such contained textile fiber products, or is transparent to the extent it allows for the clear reading of the stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification on the textile fiber product, or in the case of hosiery items, this section shall not be construed as requiring the affixing of a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification to each hosiery product contained in a package if (1) such hosiery products are intended for sale to the ultimate consumer in such package, (2) such package has affixed to it a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification bearing, with respect to the hosiery products contained therein, the information required by subsection (b), and (3) the information on the stamp, tag, label, or other means of identifica-

tion affixed to such package is equally applicable with respect to each textile fiber product contained therein.".

SEC. 4. Section 4 of the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. 70b) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(i) For the purposes of this Act, a textile fiber product shall be considered to be falsely or deceptively advertised in any mail order catalog or mail order promotional material which is used in the direct sale or direct offering for sale of such textile fiber product, unless such textile fiber product description states in a clear and conspicuous manner that such textile fiber product is processed or manufactured in the United States of America, or imported, or both.

"(j) For purposes of this Act, any textile fiber product shall be misbranded if a stamp, tag, label, or other identification conforming to the requirements of this section is not on or affixed to the collar of such product if such product contains a collar, or if such product does not contain a collar in the most conspicuous place on the inner side of such product, unless it is on or affixed on the outer side of such product, or in the case of hosiery items on the outer side of such product or package.".

SEC. 5. Paragraph (2) of section 4(a) of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68b(1)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraphs:

"(5) If it is an imported wool product without the name of the country where processed or manufactured.

"(6) If it is a wool product processed or manufactured in the United States, it shall be so identified.".

SEC. 6. Section 4 of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68b) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(e) For the purposes of this Act, a wool product shall be considered to be falsely or deceptively advertised in any mail order catalog or mail order promotional material which is used in the direct sale or direct offering for sale of such wool product, unless such wool product description states in a clear and conspicuous manner that such wool product is processed or manufactured in the United States of America, or imported, or both.

"(f) For purposes of this Act, any wool product shall be misbranded if a stamp, tag, label, or other identification conforming to the requirements of this section is not on or affixed to the collar of such product if such product contains a collar, or if such product does not contain a collar in the most conspicuous place on the inner side of such product, unless it is on or affixed on the outer side of such product or in the case of hosiery items, on the outer side of such product or package.".

SEC. 7. Section 5 of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68c) is amended—

(1) by striking out "Any person" in the first paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof "(a) Any person",

(2) by striking out "Any person" in the second paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof "(b) Any person", and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) (as designated by this section) the following new subsection:

"(c) For the purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, any package of wool products intended for sale to the ultimate consumer shall also be considered a wool product and shall have affixed to it a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification bearing the information required by section 4, with respect to the wool products contained therein, unless such package of wool products is transparent to the extent that it allows for the clear reading of the stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification affixed to the wool product, or in the case of hosiery items this section shall not be construed as requiring the affixing of a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification to each hosiery product contained in a package if (1) such hosiery products are intended for sale to the ultimate consumer in such package, (2) such package has affixed to it a stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification bearing, with respect to the hosiery products

contained therein, the information required by subsection (4), and (3) the information on the stamp, tag, label, or other means of identification affixed to such package is equally applicable with respect to each hosiery product contained therein.

SEC. 8. The amendments made by this Act shall be effective ninety days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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