

Section by Section Summary of *The Stop the Regulation Invasion Please Act of 2011*

A BILL

To establish a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions and to repeal all regulatory rulemaking actions from October 1, 1991 → Date of enactment, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“Stop The Regulation Invasion Please Act of 2011” or the “STRIP Act of 2011”

SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON REGULATIONS.

Except as provided in section 3, a Federal agency may not make/enforce any new regulations until the end of the moratorium period. Moratorium will go into effect 1 day following enactment; will last for at least 2 years.

SEC. 3. EMERGENCY EXCEPTIONS

Certain regulations will be exempt from both the moratorium (Sec. 2) and/or the automatic repeal (Sec. 5 (d)).

First, the head of a Federal agency must submit a written request to the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). A copy must be sent to Congress. Second, the OIRA Administrator must find, in writing that the waiver is granted because the rule is-

- Necessary because of an imminent threat to health or safety or other emergency
- Necessary for the enforcement of criminal laws

SEC. 4. REVIEW OF RULES.

(a) Review and Report Required - Within 90 days of enactment of this act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall--

(1) Conduct a review of each rule that was being enforced from October 1, 1991 - prior to enactment of this Act; and

(2) Submit to Committees of Jurisdiction in Congress (House/Senate) and make available to the public a report on such review.

(b) Matters Covered - The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An estimate of the total annual costs and benefits (including quantifiable and nonquantifiable effects) of each rule covered by the review, to the extent feasible.

(2) A recommendation whether each rule should continue and, where applicable, recommendations for reform of an existing major rule.

(3) The total number of minor and major rules that became effective after October 1, 1991, and are in effect as of the date of enactment.

(c) Uniform Standard - The Director of Office of Management and Budget shall apply a uniform standard for figures and cost summaries in the report required under Sec. 4 (a).

SEC. 5. SUNSET PREVENTION PROCEEDINGS

(a) Designation of Federal Agency Regulatory Review Officer - The head of each Federal agency shall designate an officer of the agency as the "Regulatory Review Officer" (RRO) who shall be responsible for testifying before a committee of the House or Senate, with regard to a request to prevent repeal.

(b) Request for Committee Hearing – The RRO may submit a request for a hearing, with regard to a rule reviewed under Sec. 4, to the relevant committee of jurisdiction in the House and the Senate 60 days after the report is submitted pursuant to Sec. 4 (a) (2).

(c) Request to Prevent Repeal of a Rule – During a hearing described in Sec. 5 (b), the RRO may request that a rule not be repealed. Such request must reference report submitted pursuant to Sec. 4(a) (2).

(d) Repeal of Rules – Except as provided in Sec. 3, one year after the date of enactment of this Act, all rules shall be repealed, unless otherwise specifically authorized by law. Essentially, Congress may consider RRO testimony and choose to offer legislation saving select rules from repeal.

SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.

DEADLINES, EXPLAINED (not included in leg., FYI)

1 Day from enactment – Moratorium goes into effect

90 Days from enactment – OMB must submit report to Congress on all rules

60 Days from report – Hearings may begin to save select rules from repeal

1 Year from enactment – all rules not authorized by law are repealed