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To require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID–19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “COVID–19 Home
5 Safety Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT.**

7 (a) COVID–19 REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than
8 3 months after the date of the enactment of this section

1 and every 3 months thereafter for the duration of the
2 COVID–19 public health emergency, the Consumer Prod-
3 uct Safety Commission shall submit to the Committee on
4 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
5 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
6 tation of the Senate, and make publicly available, a report
7 on the effect of the COVID–19 public health emergency
8 on injuries and deaths from consumer products.

9 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report shall include
10 the following:

11 (1) A list of the top consumer products,
12 prioritizing products that have been associated with
13 the highest risk of serious injury or death during the
14 COVID–19 emergency. The list under this para-
15 graph should be based on relevant data and statis-
16 tics from—

17 (A) the data sources of the Commission;
18 (B) other appropriate agencies;
19 (C) media reports;
20 (D) poison control centers, to the extent
21 practical; and

22 (E) any other relevant data sources.

23 (2) An identification of trends in injuries and
24 deaths in the consumer products listed under para-
25 graph (1), comparing data from representative time

1 periods before and during the COVID–19 public
2 health emergency.

3 (3) An identification of subpopulations that
4 have experienced elevated risk of injury or death
5 from the consumer products listed under paragraph
6 (1) during the COVID–19 public health emergency,
7 such as minorities, infants, people with disabilities,
8 children, or the elderly.

9 (4) An identification of where most injuries or
10 deaths from consumer products during the COVID–
11 19 public health emergency are taking place, such as
12 the type of building or outdoor environment.

13 (5) An identification of whether any specific
14 consumer products in the categories described in
15 paragraph (1) are—

16 (A) under recall or other corrective action;

17 (B) subject to a voluntary consumer prod-
18 uct safety standard; or

19 (C) subject to a mandatory consumer prod-
20 uct safety standard.

21 (6) An identification of any emerging consumer
22 products or consumer product categories that are
23 posing new risks to consumers.

24 (7) A comprehensive assessment of the Com-
25 mission’s operations, re-entry criteria and associated

1 metrics, operational readiness, enforcement efforts
 2 (including import-export surveillance of counterfeit
 3 and untested consumer goods and laboratory func-
 4 tions), and corrective action taken (including the
 5 number of corrective actions announced and recall
 6 effectiveness) during the COVID–19 public health
 7 emergency and a determination of whether addi-
 8 tional resources, personnel, or protocols are required
 9 to fulfill the Commission’s current authorities to ad-
 10 dress unforeseen effects of the COVID–19 public
 11 health emergency.

12 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION.—The Con-
 13 sumer Product Safety Commission shall coordinate with
 14 public media outlets to distribute resource information
 15 based on the report under this section to help increase
 16 home safety during the COVID–19 public health emer-
 17 gency, including information such as Home Safe Check-
 18 lists.

19 (d) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DE-
 20 FINED.—The term “COVID–19 public health emergency”
 21 means a public health emergency declared pursuant to sec-
 22 tion 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 23 247d) as a result of confirmed cases of 2019 novel
 24 coronavirus (COVID–19), including any renewal thereof.

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