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H. R. 8045

To amend the Energy Act of 2020 to alter the criteria for the designation of critical minerals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2022

Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Critical Minerals Clas-
5 sification Improvement Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF CRITICAL MIN-**
7 **ERAL REMOVE EXCLUSION OF FUEL MIN-**
8 **ERALS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7002(a)(3)(B) of the En-
10 ergy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C. 1606(a)(3)(B)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking clause (i); and

2 (2) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as
3 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

4 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section
5 7002(a)(3)(B)(i) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C.
6 1606(a)(3)(B)), as redesignated, is amended by inserting
7 “or” after the semicolon.

8 (c) URANIUM CRITICAL MINERAL STATUS.—The Di-
9 rector of the United States Geological Survey shall, not
10 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
11 make such revisions to the final list of critical minerals
12 included in the notice entitled “2022 Final List of Critical
13 Minerals” published by the United States Geological Sur-
14 vey (87 Fed. Reg. 10381; February 24, 2022) as the Di-
15 rector determines are necessary consistent with the
16 amendments made by this section.

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