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# H. R. 9298

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Mr. CAWTHORN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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. STUDY ON CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM OCCU-**  
4       **PATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall con-  
6       duct a study to develop recommendations for imple-  
7       menting a process through which a State or business may

1 apply for an exemption from an occupational safety and  
2 health standard in effect under section 6(a) of the Occupa-  
3 tional Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655(a))  
4 on the basis that such standard causes a significant eco-  
5 nomic hardship to such State or business, including the  
6 following:

7           (1) Legislative actions necessary to implement  
8           such process.

9           (2) Other actions necessary to implement such  
10          process.

11          (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
12 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
13 the Speaker of the House and publish in the Federal Reg-  
14 ister a report containing the results of the study.

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