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By Mr. RYAN, Mrs. ARZUG, Mr. BINGHAM, Mr. BURTON, Mr. DEBUDINS, Mr. DOW, Mr. EILBERG, Mrs. GRASSO, Mr. HALPERN, Mr. HARRINGTON, Mr. HATHAWAY, Mr. HAWKINS, Mr. HECHLER of West Virginia, Mr. HEISTOSKI, Mr. KOCH, Mrs. MINK, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROE, Mr. ROSENTHAL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUEFER, Mr. STEELE, and Mr. YATTON

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A BILL

To prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into commerce of the chemical compound known as polychlorinated biphenyl.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That for the purposes of this Act—
- 4 (1) The term "commerce" means commerce between
- 5 any State and to or through any place outside thereof; or
- 6 within any territory or possession of the United States or the
- 7 District of Columbia; or from a foreign country to any State.
- 8 (2) The term "State" means each of the several States,
- 9 the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,

1 the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Canal Zone,
2 and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

3 (3) The term "person" means any private person or
4 entity, any officer, department, agency, or instrumentality of
5 any State or local unit of government, and any officer, depart-
6 ment, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

7 SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to introduce
8 or deliver for introduction into commerce any of the chemical
9 compound known as polychlorinated biphenyl.

10 SEC. 3. (a) Any person who knowingly violates section
11 2 of this Act shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or be
12 imprisoned not more than one hundred and eighty days, or
13 both.

14 (b) Whenever any corporation knowingly violates sec-
15 tion 2 of this Act, such corporation, and any individual direc-
16 tor, officer, or agent of such corporation who knowingly or
17 willfully authorized, ordered, or performed any of the acts
18 or practices constituting such violation shall be fined not
19 more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than one hundred
20 and eighty days, or both.

21 SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall first take effect
22 thirty days after the date of its enactment.