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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. POLIS, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Accurate Workplace
3 Injury and Illness Records Restoration Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE OF A CITATION.**

5 Section 9(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health
6 Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 658(c)) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following: “For purposes of this subsection,
8 a violation continues to occur for as long as an employer
9 has not satisfied the requirements, rules, standards, or-
10 ders, and regulations referenced in subsection (a).”.

11 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

12 (a) **RULE REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Occupational Safety
14 and Health Administration shall issue a final rule amend-
15 ing its recordkeeping regulations under section 8(c) of the
16 Occupational Safety and Health Act to clarify that—

17 (1) the duty to make and maintain accurate
18 records of work-related injuries and illnesses is an
19 ongoing obligation;

20 (2) the duty to make and maintain such records
21 continues for as long as the employer is required to
22 keep records of the recordable injury or illness; and

23 (3) such duty does not expire solely because the
24 employer fails to create the necessary records when
25 first required to do so.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—Subsection (a) shall be consid-
2 ered a specific authorization by Congress in accordance
3 with section 801(b)(2) of title 5, United States Code, with
4 respect to the issuance of a new recordkeeping rule.