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# S. 2504

To amend title VI of the Clean Air Act with respect to the phaseout schedule for methyl bromide.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2000

Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Methyl Bromide Fair-  
5 ness Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. PHASEOUT SCHEDULE FOR METHYL BROMIDE.**

7 Section 604 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671e),  
8 as amended by section 764 of the Agriculture, Rural De-  
9 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related  
10 Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (as contained in sec-

1 tion 101(a) of division A of Public Law 105–277; 112  
2 Stat. 2681, 2681–36), is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (d), by amending paragraph  
4 (5) to read as follows:

5 “(5) SANITATION AND FOOD PROTECTION.—  
6 Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the  
7 production, importation, and consumption of methyl  
8 bromide to fumigate commodities or articles or fa-  
9 cilities where such commodities or articles may be  
10 processed or stored for purposes of compliance with  
11 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service require-  
12 ments or with any international, Federal, State, or  
13 local sanitation or food protection standard shall be  
14 exempt.”; and

15 (2) by amending subsection (h) to read as fol-  
16 lows:

17 “(h) METHYL BROMIDE.—Notwithstanding section  
18 602(d), section 606, or subsection (b) or (d) of this sec-  
19 tion, the Administrator shall not terminate production of  
20 methyl bromide prior to January 1, 2015. The Adminis-  
21 trator shall promulgate rules for reductions in, and termi-  
22 nate the production, importation, and consumption of,  
23 methyl bromide under a schedule that is in accordance  
24 with, but not more stringent than, the phaseout schedule

1 of the Montreal Protocol for developing countries as de-  
2 scribed in article 5 of such Protocol.”.

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