

Union Calendar No. 376

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7645

[Report No. 118-453]

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes dryers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2024

Mr. EZELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

APRIL 10, 2024

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Clothes Dryer Reli-
5 ability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
7 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR CLOTHES DRY-**
8 **ERS.**

9 (a) **TECHNOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE AND ECONOMI-**
10 **CALLY JUSTIFIED.**—Notwithstanding subsections (m),
11 (n), and (o) of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Con-
12 servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy
13 may not—

14 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
15 servation standard for a covered product that is a
16 clothes dryer under such section unless the Secretary
17 of Energy determines that the prescription and im-
18 position of such energy conservation standard is
19 technologically feasible and economically justified; or

20 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
21 prescribed under such section for a covered product
22 that is a clothes dryer if the Secretary of Energy de-
23 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
24 such energy conservation standard is not techno-
25 logically feasible or economically justified.

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-
2 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)
3 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

5 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
6 servation standard for a covered product that is a
7 clothes dryer under such section unless the Secretary
8 of Energy determines that the prescription and im-
9 position of such energy conservation standard is not
10 likely to result in additional net costs to the con-
11 sumer, including any increase in net costs associated
12 with the purchase, installation, maintenance, dis-
13 posal, and replacement of the covered product; or

14 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
15 prescribed under such section for a covered product
16 that is a clothes dryer if the Secretary of Energy de-
17 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
18 such energy conservation standard is likely to result
19 in additional net costs to the consumer, including
20 any increase in net costs associated with the pur-
21 chase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-
22 placement of the covered product.

23 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-
24 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of

1 section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

3 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
4 servation standard for a covered product that is a
5 clothes dryer under such section if the Secretary of
6 Energy determines that the prescription and imposi-
7 tion of such energy conservation standard will not
8 result in significant conservation of energy; or

9 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
10 prescribed under such section for a covered product
11 that is a clothes dryer if the Secretary of Energy de-
12 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
13 such energy conservation standard will not result in
14 significant conservation of energy.

15 (d) COVERED PRODUCT; ENERGY CONSERVATION
16 STANDARD.—In this section, the terms “covered product”
17 and “energy conservation standard” have the meanings
18 given such terms in section 321 of the Energy Policy and
19 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291).

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