
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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MAY 18, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MAY 18, 2023

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting restrictions on household appliances by Commonwealth
2 agencies and municipalities; and providing for civil actions
3 authorized.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Household
8 Appliance Freedom Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Commonwealth agency." Any office, department, authority,
14 board, multistate agency or commission of the executive branch.

15 "Municipality." Any of the following:

16 (1) A county, city, borough, incorporated town or

1 township.

2 (2) A home rule, optional plan or optional charter
3 municipality.

4 (3) Any other general purpose unit of government
5 established by the General Assembly.

6 (4) A municipal authority.

7 (5) An entity formed under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 23 Subch. A
8 (relating to intergovernmental cooperation).

9 "Policy." A requirement, including a zoning or building code
10 requirement or restriction, which is imposed by statute
11 regulation, ordinance, resolution, rule, guideline, code,
12 general or specific plan provision or otherwise.

13 Section 3. Prohibition on restrictions on household appliances.

14 A Commonwealth agency or municipality may not adopt a policy
15 to prohibit the sale, installation or use of any of the
16 following:

17 (1) Natural gas-powered home heating equipment.

18 (2) Natural gas-powered home appliances.

19 (3) Grills, stoves and other food preparation appliances
20 designed to be used outdoors.

21 (4) Natural gas powered-torches, lamps and other
22 features designed to be used outdoors.

23 (5) Any other home or outdoor appliances or heating
24 equipment powered by a specific energy source.

25 Section 4. Civil actions authorized.

26 A person who alleges a violation of section 3 may bring a
27 civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive
28 relief or other appropriate damages within 180 days after the
29 occurrence of the alleged violation.

30 Section 5. Effective date.

1 This act shall take effect in 60 days.