

Union Calendar No. 374

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7626

[Report No. 118–451]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2024

Mr. CRENSHAW 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 “Affordable Air Condi-
5 tioning Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
7 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR ROOM AIR CON-**
8 **DITIONERS.**

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 room air conditioner under such section unless the
17 Secretary of Energy determines that the prescription
18 and imposition of such energy conservation standard
19 is technologically feasible and economically justified;
20 or

21 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
22 prescribed under such section for a covered product
23 that is a room air conditioner if the Secretary of En-
24 ergy determines that enforcement of or compliance

1 with such energy conservation standard is not tech-
2 nologically feasible or economically justified.

3 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-
4 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)
5 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

7 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
8 servation standard for a covered product that is a
9 room air conditioner under such section unless the
10 Secretary of Energy determines that the prescription
11 and imposition of such energy conservation standard
12 is not likely to result in additional net costs to the
13 consumer, including any increase in net costs associ-
14 ated with the purchase, installation, maintenance,
15 disposal, and replacement of the covered product; or

16 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
17 prescribed under such section for a covered product
18 that is a room air conditioner if the Secretary of En-
19 ergy determines that enforcement of or compliance
20 with such energy conservation standard is likely to
21 result in additional net costs to the consumer, in-
22 cluding any increase in net costs associated with the
23 purchase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-
24 placement of the covered product.

1 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-
2 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of
3 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 room air conditioner under such section if the Sec-
8 retary of Energy determines that the prescription
9 and imposition of such energy conservation standard
10 will not result in significant conservation of energy;
11 or

12 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
13 prescribed under such section for a covered product
14 that is a room air conditioner if the Secretary of En-
15 ergy determines that enforcement of or compliance
16 with such energy conservation standard will not re-
17 sult in significant conservation of energy.

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

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