

Union Calendar No. 375

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7637

[Report No. 118-452]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2024

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS 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 “Refrigerator Freedom
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
7 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR REFRIG-**
8 **ERATORS, REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS, AND**
9 **FREEZERS.**

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

15 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
16 servation standard for a covered product that is a
17 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer
18 under such section unless the Secretary of Energy
19 determines that the prescription and imposition of
20 such energy conservation standard is technologically
21 feasible and economically justified; or

22 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
23 prescribed under such section for a covered product
24 that is a refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a
25 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that

1 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-
2 servation standard is not technologically feasible or
3 economically justified.

4 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-
5 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)
6 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

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9 servation standard for a covered product that is a
10 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer
11 under such section unless the Secretary of Energy
12 determines that the prescription and imposition of
13 such energy conservation standard is not likely to re-
14 sult in additional net costs to the consumer, includ-
15 ing any increase in net costs associated with the
16 purchase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-
17 placement of the covered product; or

18 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
19 prescribed under such section for a covered product
20 that is a refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a
21 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that
22 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-
23 servation standard is likely to result in additional
24 net costs to the consumer, including any increase in
25 net costs associated with the purchase, installation,

1 maintenance, disposal, and replacement of the cov-
2 ered product.

3 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-
4 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of
5 section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

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8 servation standard for a covered product that is a
9 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer
10 under such section if the Secretary of Energy deter-
11 mines that the prescription and imposition of such
12 energy conservation standard will not result in sig-
13 nificant conservation of energy; or

14 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
15 prescribed under such section for a covered product
16 that is a refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a
17 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that
18 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-
19 servation standard will not result in significant con-
20 servation of energy.

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

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