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H. R. 7626

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

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

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
2 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR ROOM AIR CON-**
3 **DITIONERS.**

4 (a) **TECHNOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE AND ECONOMI-**
5 **CALLY JUSTIFIED.**—Notwithstanding subsections (m),
6 (n), and (o) of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Con-
7 servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy
8 may not—

9 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
10 servation standard for a covered product that is a
11 room air conditioner under such section unless the
12 Secretary of Energy determines that the prescription
13 and imposition of such energy conservation standard
14 is technologically feasible and economically justified;
15 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 not tech-
21 nologically feasible or economically justified.

22 (b) **PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-**
23 **SUMERS.**—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)
24 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
25 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

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

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

19 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-
20 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of
21 section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

23 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
24 servation standard for a covered product that is a
25 room air conditioner under such section if the Sec-

1 retary of Energy determines that the prescription
2 and imposition of such energy conservation standard
3 will not result in significant conservation of energy;
4 or

5 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
6 prescribed under such section for a covered product
7 that is a room air conditioner if the Secretary of En-
8 ergy determines that enforcement of or compliance
9 with such energy conservation standard will not re-
10 sult in significant conservation of energy.

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

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