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H. R. 7645

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

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Mr. EZELL 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 “Clothes Dryer Reli-
5 ability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
2 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR CLOTHES DRY-**
3 **ERS.**

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 clothes dryer under such section unless the Secretary
12 of Energy determines that the prescription and im-
13 position of such energy conservation standard is
14 technologically feasible and economically justified; or

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

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

25 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
26 servation standard for a covered product that is a

1 clothes dryer under such section unless the Secretary
2 of Energy determines that the prescription and im-
3 position of such energy conservation standard is not
4 likely to result in additional net costs to the con-
5 sumer, including any increase in net costs associated
6 with the purchase, installation, maintenance, dis-
7 posal, and replacement of the covered product; or

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

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

21 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
22 servation standard for a covered product that is a
23 clothes dryer under such section if the Secretary of
24 Energy determines that the prescription and imposi-

1 tion of such energy conservation standard will not
2 result in significant conservation of energy; or

3 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
4 prescribed under such section for a covered product
5 that is a clothes dryer if the Secretary of Energy de-
6 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
7 such energy conservation standard will not result in
8 significant conservation of energy.

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

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