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S. 1562

To direct the Secretary of Energy to provide grants to States for the distribution of compact fluorescent lights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BIDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Fluorescent Lightbulb
5 Implementation Program to Save Americans Value and
6 Energy”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) **LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD.**—The term
10 “low-income household” means a household with a

total annual household income that does not exceed
the greater of—

(A) an amount equal to 150 percent of the
poverty level of a State; or

(B) an amount equal to 60 percent of the
State median income.

(2) MEDIUM BASE COMPACT FLUORESCENT
LAMP.—The term “medium base compact fluo-
rescent lamp” has the meaning given the term in sec-
tion 321(30)(S) of the Energy Policy and Conserva-
tion Act (42 U.S.C. 6291(30)(S)).

(3) POVERTY LEVEL.—The term “poverty
level” has the meaning given the term in section
2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8622).

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
the Secretary of Energy.

(5) STATE.—The term “State” means—

(A) a State; and

(B) the District of Columbia.

(6) STATE MEDIAN INCOME.—The term “State
median income” has the meaning given the term in
section 2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8622).

1 **SEC. 3. COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTING GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
4 and carry out a program under which the Secretary shall
5 provide grants to States for the distribution of medium
6 base compact fluorescent lamps to households in the State.

7 (b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible to
8 receive a grant under this section a State shall—

9 (1) submit to the Secretary an application, in
10 such form and by such date as the Secretary may
11 specify, that contains—

12 (A) a plan describing the means by which
13 the State will use the grant funds; and

14 (B) such other information as the Sec-
15 retary may require; and

16 (2) agree—

17 (A) to conduct public education activities
18 to provide information on—

19 (i) the efficiency of using medium
20 base compact fluorescent lamps; and

21 (ii) the cost savings associated with
22 using medium base compact fluorescent
23 lamps;

24 (B) to conduct outreach activities to en-
25 sure, to the maximum extent practicable, that
26 households in the State are informed of the dis-

1 tribution of the medium base compact fluores-
2 cent lamps in the State;

3 (C) to coordinate activities under this sec-
4 tion with similar and related Federal and State
5 programs; and

6 (D) to comply with such other require-
7 ments as the Secretary may establish.

8 (c) PRIORITY.—A State that receives a grant under
9 this section shall give priority to distributing medium base
10 compact fluorescent lamps to low-income households in the
11 State.

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
14 priated \$50,000,000 to carry out this Act.

15 (b) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—It is the intent of
16 Congress that the amounts made available under this sec-
17 tion shall supplement, not supplant, amounts provided
18 under sections 361 through 364 of the Energy Policy and
19 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 through 6324).

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