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To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants and loan guarantees to hospitals to carry out projects for the purpose of reducing energy costs and increasing resilience to improve security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2013

Mr. ENGEL 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 “Hospital Energy Con-
5 servation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANT AND LOAN GUAR-**
2 **ANTEE PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy
4 shall establish a pilot program to award grants and loan
5 guarantees to hospitals to carry out energy conservation
6 projects for the purpose of—

7 (1) significantly improving the energy efficiency
8 of such hospitals; and

9 (2) encouraging onsite power generation and
10 energy storage, capable of operating independent of
11 the grid, and providing sufficient onsite emergency
12 backup power for essential hospital functions.

13 (b) NUMBER OF HOSPITALS.—The Secretary shall
14 award grants and loan guarantees under the pilot program
15 to no more than 6 hospitals during the period described
16 in subsection (f).

17 (c) APPLICATIONS.—A hospital seeking a grant or
18 loan guarantee under the pilot program shall submit an
19 application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner,
20 and accompanied by such information as the Secretary
21 may require.

22 (d) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting a hospital to
23 award a grant or loan guarantee to under the pilot pro-
24 gram, the Secretary shall give special consideration to ap-
25 plications from such hospitals that can demonstrate that

1 they are able to commence an energy conservation project
2 more promptly.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “hos-
4 pital” and “energy conservation project” have the mean-
5 ings given such terms in section 391 of the Energy Policy
6 and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6371).

7 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated for carrying out this sec-
9 tion such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2014
10 and 2015, to be derived from funds otherwise authorized
11 to be appropriated for related purposes.

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