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H. R. 425

To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. STANTON (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. VAN DREW) 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. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION**
4 **BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) PURPOSE.—Section 542(b)(1) of the Energy
6 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
7 17152(b)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and”
9 and inserting a semicolon;

1 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the semi-
2 colon and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(C) diversifies energy supplies, including
5 by facilitating and promoting the use of alter-
6 native fuels;”.

7 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 544(9) of the Energy
8 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
9 17154(9)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(9) deployment of energy distribution tech-
11 nologies that significantly increase energy efficiency
12 or expand access to alternative fuels, including—

13 “(A) distributed resources;

14 “(B) district heating and cooling systems;

15 and

16 “(C) infrastructure for delivering alter-
17 native fuels;”.

18 (c) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Section 546(c)(2) of the
19 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
20 U.S.C. 17156(c)(2)) is amended by inserting “, including
21 projects to expand the use of alternative fuels” before the
22 period at the end.

23 (d) FUNDING.—Section 548(a) of the Energy Inde-
24 pendence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17158(a))
25 is amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 “(1) GRANTS.—There is authorized to be ap-
3 propriated to the Secretary to carry out the program
4 \$3,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
5 through 2026.

6 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary
7 may use for administrative expenses of the program
8 not more than 1 percent of the amounts made avail-
9 able under paragraph (1) in each of fiscal years
10 2022 through 2026.”.

11 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 543 of the
12 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
13 U.S.C. 17153) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “subsection
15 (a)(2)” and inserting “subsection (a)(3)”; and

16 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “subsection
17 (a)(3)” and inserting “subsection (a)(4)”.

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