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H. R. 438

To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide further requirements for the Energy Star program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2011

Mr. WEINER 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 “Energy Star Improve-
5 ments Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENERGY STAR STANDARDS.**

7 (a) ENERGY STAR.—Section 324A(c) of the Energy
8 Policy and Conservation Act is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking “and”
10 after the semicolon at the end;

1 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

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

4 “(8) in establishing and revising an Energy
5 Star product category, specification, or criterion, re-
6 quire inclusion of developmental products planned
7 for sale within 2 years in the testing or evaluation
8 of products proposed for purposes of such establish-
9 ment or revision;

10 “(9) not later than 2 years after the date of en-
11 actment of this paragraph, establish and implement
12 a ratings system for products identified as Energy
13 Star products pursuant to this section to provide
14 consumers with the most helpful information on the
15 relative energy efficiency of those products, unless
16 the Administrator and the Secretary communicate to
17 Congress that establishing such a system would di-
18 minish the value of the Energy Star brand to con-
19 sumers;

20 “(10)(A) review the Energy Star product cri-
21 teria for the 10 products in each product category
22 with the greatest energy consumption at least once
23 every 3 years; and

1 “(B) based on the review, update and publish
2 the Energy Star product criteria for each such cat-
3 egory, as necessary;

4 “(11) before permitting a product to be identi-
5 fied as an Energy Star product, require the manu-
6 facturer of such product to prove the compliance of
7 the product with Energy Star product criteria
8 through testing at an independent laboratory cer-
9 tified for such purpose by the Secretary; and

10 “(12) periodically verify, at the expense of the
11 manufacturer of the product, compliance with En-
12 ergy Star product criteria by products identified as
13 Energy Star products pursuant to this section, in-
14 cluding through—

15 “(A) purchase and testing of products
16 from the market; or

17 “(B) other appropriate testing and compli-
18 ance approaches.”.

19 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the amend-
21 ments made by this section \$10,000,000 for fiscal year
22 2011 and for each fiscal year thereafter.

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