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H. R. 706

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

FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. BARTLETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 Inde-
5 pendence 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) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
5 to Congress a report on the implementation of the pilot
6 program. Such report shall include information that would
7 allow for Congress to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot
8 program and to advance best practices.

9 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The terms “hospital” has the meaning given
11 such term in section 391 of the Energy Policy and
12 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6371), and also in-
13 cludes academic facilities that specialize in scientific
14 research, provide patient care, and serve as health
15 and medical education centers.

16 (2) The term “energy conservation project” has
17 the meaning given such term in section 391 of the
18 Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C.
19 6371).

20 (g) RECISSION; SOURCE OF FUNDING.—Of the unob-
21 ligated balances of the discretionary appropriations made
22 available by division A of the American Recovery and Re-
23 investment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5), there are re-
24 scinded and made available \$90,000,000 to carry out the

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1 pilot program, which shall be committed during fiscal
2 years 2011 and 2012.

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