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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resources

AN ACT

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Refrigerator Freedom
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
5 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR REFRIG-**
6 **ERATORS, REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS, AND**
7 **FREEZERS.**

8 (a) **TECHNOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE AND ECONOMI-**
9 **CALLY JUSTIFIED.**—Notwithstanding subsections (m),
10 (n), and (o) of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Con-
11 servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy
12 may not—

13 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
14 servation standard for a covered product that is a
15 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer
16 under such section unless the Secretary of Energy
17 determines that the prescription and imposition of
18 such energy conservation standard is technologically
19 feasible and economically justified; or

20 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
21 prescribed under such section for a covered product
22 that is a refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a
23 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that
24 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-
25 servation standard is not technologically feasible or
26 economically justified.

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-
2 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)
3 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

5 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
6 servation standard for a covered product that is a
7 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer
8 under such section unless the Secretary of Energy
9 determines that the prescription and imposition of
10 such energy conservation standard is not likely to re-
11 sult in additional net costs to the consumer, includ-
12 ing any increase in net costs associated with the
13 purchase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-
14 placement of the covered product; or

15 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
16 prescribed under such section for a covered product
17 that is a refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a
18 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that
19 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-
20 servation standard is likely to result in additional
21 net costs to the consumer, including any increase in
22 net costs associated with the purchase, installation,
23 maintenance, disposal, and replacement of the cov-
24 ered product.

1 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-
2 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of
3 section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

5 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
6 servation standard for a covered product that is a
7 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer
8 under such section if the Secretary of Energy deter-
9 mines that the prescription and imposition of such
10 energy conservation standard will not result in sig-
11 nificant conservation of energy; or

12 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
13 prescribed under such section for a covered product
14 that is a refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a
15 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that
16 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-
17 servation standard will not result in significant con-
18 servation of energy.

19 (d) COVERED PRODUCT; ENERGY CONSERVATION
20 STANDARD.—In this section, the terms “covered product”
21 and “energy conservation standard” have the meanings

- 1 given such terms in section 321 of the Energy Policy and
- 2 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291).

Passed the House of Representatives July 9, 2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.