

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7673

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11, 2024

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes washers 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 “Liberty in Laundry
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
5 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR CLOTHES**
6 **WASHERS.**

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

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

19 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
20 prescribed under such section for a covered product
21 that is a clothes washer if the Secretary of Energy
22 determines that enforcement of or compliance with
23 such energy conservation standard is not techno-
24 logically feasible or economically justified.

25 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-
26 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)

1 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

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4 servation standard for a covered product that is a
5 clothes washer under such section unless the Sec-
6 retary of Energy determines that the prescription
7 and imposition of such energy conservation standard
8 is not likely to result in additional net costs to the
9 consumer, including any increase in net costs associ-
10 ated with the purchase, installation, maintenance,
11 disposal, and replacement of the covered product; or

12 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
13 prescribed under such section for a covered product
14 that is a clothes washer if the Secretary of Energy
15 determines that enforcement of or compliance with
16 such energy conservation standard is likely to result
17 in additional net costs to the consumer, including
18 any increase in net costs associated with the pur-
19 chase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-
20 placement of the covered product.

21 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-
22 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of
23 section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
24 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

(2) enforce an energy conservation standard prescribed under such section for a covered product that is a clothes washer if the Secretary of Energy determines that enforcement of or compliance with such energy conservation standard will not result in significant conservation of energy.

(d) COVERED PRODUCT; ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARD.—In this section, the terms “covered product” and “energy conservation standard” have the meanings given such terms in section 321 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291).

Passed the House of Representatives December 10,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.