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# H. R. 849

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN (for herself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. BROUN of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Light Bulb Freedom  
5 of Choice Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective 6 months after the date  
8 of enactment of this Act, sections 321 and 322, and the  
9 items in the table of contents relating thereto, of the En-

1 energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 are repealed,  
2 unless the Comptroller General has before that time trans-  
3 mitted to the Congress a report containing all of the find-  
4 ings described in section 3(a).

5 (b) REVERSION.—If a repeal occurs under subsection  
6 (a), the amendments made by sections 321 and 322 of  
7 the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 are  
8 hereby repealed, and the laws amended thereby shall read  
9 as if those amendments had not been enacted.

10 **SEC. 3. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.**

11 (a) FINDINGS.—A report referred to in section 2(a)  
12 is a report that finds that—

13 (1) consumers will obtain a net savings, in  
14 terms of dollars spent on the combination of month-  
15 ly electric bills and expenses for new light fixtures  
16 to accommodate the use of the light bulbs required  
17 by the amendments described in section 2(a), com-  
18 pared to dollars spent before the enactment of those  
19 amendments;

20 (2) the phase-out required by those amend-  
21 ments will reduce overall carbon dioxide emissions by  
22 20 percent in the United States by the year 2025;  
23 and

24 (3) such phase-out will not pose any health  
25 risks, including risks associated with mercury con-

1       tainment in certain light bulbs, to consumers or the  
2       general public, including health risks with respect to  
3       hospitals, schools, day care centers, mental health  
4       facilities, and nursing homes.

5       (b) PROJECTIONS.—The report shall include monthly  
6       and yearly projections of expenses described in subsection  
7       (a)(1) over the period of January 1, 2012, through De-  
8       cember 31, 2017.

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