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H. R. 7637

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2024

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS 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 “Refrigerator Freedom
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
2 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR REFRIG-**
3 **ERATORS, REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS, AND**
4 **FREEZERS.**

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

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

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

24 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-
25 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 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer
6 under such section unless the Secretary of Energy
7 determines that the prescription and imposition of
8 such energy conservation standard is not likely to re-
9 sult in additional net costs to the consumer, includ-
10 ing any increase in net costs associated with the
11 purchase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-
12 placement of the covered product; or

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

23 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-
24 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of

1 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 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer
6 under such section if the Secretary of Energy deter-
7 mines that the prescription and imposition of such
8 energy conservation standard will not result in sig-
9 nificant conservation of energy; or

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

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

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