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2D SESSION

H. R. 7700

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 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 dishwashers 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 “Stop Unaffordable
3 Dishwasher Standards Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**
5 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR DISHWASHERS.**

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

11 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
12 servation standard for a covered product that is a
13 dishwasher under such section unless the Secretary
14 of Energy determines that the prescription and im-
15 position of such energy conservation standard is
16 technologically 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 dishwasher if the Secretary of Energy de-
20 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
21 such energy conservation standard is not techno-
22 logically feasible or economically justified.

23 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-
24 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)
25 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
26 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

1 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
2 servation standard for a covered product that is a
3 dishwasher under such section unless the Secretary
4 of Energy determines that the prescription and im-
5 position of such energy conservation standard is not
6 likely to result in additional net costs to the con-
7 sumer, including any increase in net costs associated
8 with the purchase, installation, maintenance, dis-
9 posal, and replacement of the covered product; or

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

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

23 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
24 servation standard for a covered product that is a
25 dishwasher under such section if the Secretary of

1 Energy determines that the prescription and imposi-
2 tion of such energy conservation standard will not
3 result in significant conservation of energy; or

4 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
5 prescribed under such section for a covered product
6 that is a dishwasher if the Secretary of Energy de-
7 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
8 such energy conservation standard will not result in
9 significant conservation of energy.

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

Passed the House of Representatives July 9, 2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.