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H. R. 7197

To amend Public Law 117–169 to improve access to home energy-efficiency rebates for working families, renters, and owners of older homes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BELL (for himself and Mr. MANNION) 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 “Home Energy Relief
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON COMBINING RE-**
 2 **BATES PROVIDED UNDER HOMES REBATE**
 3 **PROGRAMS AND HIGH-EFFICIENCY ELECTRIC**
 4 **HOME REBATE PROGRAMS WITH OTHER FED-**
 5 **ERAL GRANTS AND REBATES.**

6 (a) HOME ENERGY PERFORMANCE-BASED, WHOLE-
 7 HOUSE REBATES.—

8 (1) REPEAL.—Paragraph (7) of section
 9 50121(c) of Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C.
 10 18795(c)) is repealed.

11 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
 12 50121(b) of Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C.
 13 18795(b)) is amended—

14 (A) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “retrofit;” and inserting “retrofit; and”;

16 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “program; and” and inserting “program.”; and

18 (C) by striking paragraph (6).

19 (b) HIGH-EFFICIENCY ELECTRIC HOME REBATE
 20 PROGRAM.—

21 (1) REPEAL.—Paragraph (8) of section
 22 50122(c) of Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C.
 23 18795a(c)) is repealed.

24 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
 25 50122(b) of Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C.
 26 18795a(b)) is amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sale;”
2 and inserting “sale; and”;
3 (B) by striking paragraph (3); and
4 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
5 paragraph (3).

6 **SEC. 3. HIGH-COST URBAN RETROFIT BONUS REBATES.**

7 Section 50122(c) of Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C.
8 18795a(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:
9 “(10) BONUS REBATES FOR UPGRADES AND
10 PURCHASES RELATING TO CERTAIN HOUSING.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount of
12 any grant provided under this section, a State
13 energy office or Indian Tribe may provide to an
14 eligible entity that received a rebate from the
15 State energy office or Indian Tribe under a
16 high-efficiency electric home rebate program a
17 bonus rebate for the purchase of an appliance
18 or a nonappliance upgrade under a qualified
19 electrification project carried out or relating to
20 housing built prior to January 1, 1970.

21 “(B) AMOUNT OF BONUS REBATE.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A bonus rebate
23 provided under this paragraph may not be
24 greater than 20 percent of the amount of

1 the initial rebate provided under the high-
 2 efficiency electric home rebate program.

3 “(ii) EXCEPTION TO MAX AMOUNT.—
 4 Subsection (c)(3)(C) shall not apply to a
 5 bonus rebate provided under this para-
 6 graph.

7 “(iii) NOT IN EXCESS OF COSTS.—An
 8 eligible entity may not receive a sum of re-
 9 bates under this section that exceeds the
 10 cost of the qualified electrification
 11 project.”.

12 **SEC. 4. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years after the
 14 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
 15 the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the Committee
 16 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
 17 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
 18 the Senate a report that includes—

19 (1) the number of households that received a
 20 rebate under a HOMES rebate program or a high-
 21 efficiency electric home rebate program during the
 22 year preceding the report;

23 (2) the household average energy savings result-
 24 ing from upgrades, purchases, and retrofits for
 25 which a rebate was provided under a HOMES rebate

1 program or a high-efficiency electric home rebate
2 program; and

3 (3) recommendations for further increasing the
4 access of low-income and high-energy-burden house-
5 holds to such rebates.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) HOMES REBATE PROGRAM.—The term
8 “HOMES rebate program” has the meaning given
9 such term in section 50121(d) of Public Law 117–
10 169 (42 U.S.C. 18795(d)).

11 (2) HIGH-EFFICIENCY ELECTRIC HOME REBATE
12 PROGRAM.—The term “high-efficiency electric home
13 rebate program” has the meaning given such term
14 in section 50122(d) of Public Law 117–169 (42
15 U.S.C. 18795a(d)).

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