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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 “Don’t Mess With My*
 5 *Home Appliances Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING NEW OR AMENDED ENERGY CON-**
 7 **SERVATION STANDARDS.**

8 *(a) AMENDMENT OF STANDARDS.—*

9 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 325(m)(1) of the En-*
 10 *ergy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C.*
 11 *6295(m)(1)) is amended to read as follows:*

12 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, for any*
 13 *product, publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in-*
 14 *cluding new proposed standards for such product*
 15 *based on the criteria established under subsection (o)*
 16 *and the procedures established under subsection (p).”.*

17 *(2) AMENDMENT OF STANDARD.—Section*
 18 *325(m)(3) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act*
 19 *(42 U.S.C. 6295(m)(3)) is amended to read as follows:*

20 *“(3) AMENDMENT OF STANDARD.—Not later than*
 21 *2 years after a notice is issued under paragraph (1),*
 22 *the Secretary shall publish a final rule amending the*
 23 *standard for the product.”.*

1 (3) *APPLICATION TO PRODUCTS.*—Section
 2 325(m)(4) of the *Energy Policy and Conservation Act*
 3 (42 U.S.C. 6295(m)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(4) *APPLICATION TO PRODUCTS.*—An amend-
 5 ment prescribed under this subsection shall apply to
 6 a product that is manufactured after the date that is
 7 5 years after publication of the final rule establishing
 8 an applicable standard.”.

9 (b) *PETITION FOR AMENDED STANDARD.*—Section
 10 325(n) of the *Energy Policy and Conservation Act* (42
 11 U.S.C. 6295(n)) is amended—

12 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “AN
 13 AMENDED STANDARD” and inserting “AMENDMENT
 14 OR REVOCATION OF STANDARD”;

15 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or revoked”
 16 after “should be amended”;

17 (3) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
 18 lows:

19 “(2) The Secretary shall grant a petition to determine
 20 if standards for a covered product should be amended or
 21 revoked if the Secretary finds that such petition contains
 22 evidence, assuming no other evidence were considered, that
 23 such standards—

24 “(A) result in additional costs to consumers;

1 “(B) do not result in significant conservation of
2 energy or water;

3 “(C) are not technologically feasible; and

4 “(D) result in such covered product not being
5 commercially available in the United States to all
6 consumers.”;

7 (4) in paragraph (4)—

8 (A) by striking “NEW OR AMENDED STAND-
9 ARDS.” and inserting “NEW, AMENDED, OR RE-
10 VOKED STANDARDS.”;

11 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
12 and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively (and
13 by conforming the margins accordingly);

14 (C) by striking “Not later than 3 years”
15 and inserting the following:

16 “(A) Not later than 3 years”; and

17 (D) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(B) Not later than 180 days after the date
19 of granting a petition to revoke standards, the
20 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register—

21 “(i) a final rule revoking the stand-
22 ards; or

23 “(ii) a determination that it is not
24 necessary to revoke the standards.

1 “(C) *The grant of a petition by the Sec-*
 2 *retary under this subsection creates no presump-*
 3 *tion with respect to the Secretary’s determina-*
 4 *tion of any of the criteria in a rulemaking under*
 5 *this section.*

6 “(D) *Standards that have been revoked pur-*
 7 *suant to subparagraph (B) shall be considered to*
 8 *be in effect for purposes of section 327.”; and*

9 (5) *in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “3 years*
 10 *(for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers,*
 11 *room air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes washers,*
 12 *clothes dryers, fluorescent lamp ballasts, general serv-*
 13 *ice fluorescent lamps, incandescent reflector lamps,*
 14 *and kitchen ranges and ovens) or 5 years (for central*
 15 *air conditioners and heat pumps, water heaters, pool*
 16 *heaters, direct heating equipment and furnaces)” and*
 17 *inserting “5 years”;*

18 (c) *CRITERIA.—Section 325(o) of the Energy Policy*
 19 *and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(o)) is amended by*
 20 *amending paragraphs (2) and (3) to read as follows:*

21 “(2) *REQUIREMENTS.—*

22 “(A) *DESIGN.—Any new or amended en-*
 23 *ergy conservation standard prescribed by the*
 24 *Secretary under this section for any type (or*
 25 *class) of covered product shall be designed to*

1 *achieve the maximum improvement in, as appli-*
2 *cable, energy efficiency or water efficiency, which*
3 *the Secretary determines is technologically fea-*
4 *sible and economically justified.*

5 *“(B) TEST PROCEDURES.—If the Secretary*
6 *determines that a test procedure should be pre-*
7 *scribed or amended in accordance with section*
8 *323 for a type (or class) of covered product, the*
9 *Secretary may not prescribe a new or amended*
10 *energy conservation standard under this section*
11 *for such type (or class) of covered product unless*
12 *the Secretary has prescribed or amended (and*
13 *published in the Federal Register) a test proce-*
14 *dure for such type (or class) of covered product*
15 *at least 180 days before publishing a notice of*
16 *proposed rulemaking with respect to the new or*
17 *amended energy conservation standard.*

18 *“(C) SIGNIFICANT CONSERVATION.—The*
19 *Secretary may not prescribe a new or amended*
20 *energy conservation standard under this section*
21 *for a type (or class) of covered product if the*
22 *Secretary determines that the establishment and*
23 *imposition of such energy conservation standard*
24 *will not result in significant conservation of, as*
25 *applicable, energy or water.*

1 “(D) *TECHNOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE AND*
 2 *ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIED.*—*The Secretary may*
 3 *not prescribe a new or amended energy conserva-*
 4 *tion standard under this section for a type (or*
 5 *class) of covered product unless the Secretary de-*
 6 *termines that the establishment and imposition*
 7 *of such energy conservation standard is techno-*
 8 *logically feasible and economically justified.*

9 “(E) *DISCLOSURE.*—*The Secretary may not*
 10 *prescribe a new or amended energy conservation*
 11 *standard under this section for a type (or class)*
 12 *of covered product unless the Secretary, not later*
 13 *than the date on which the standard is pre-*
 14 *scribed, publicly discloses each meeting held by*
 15 *the Secretary, during the 5-year period pre-*
 16 *ceding such date, with any entity that—*

17 “(i) *has ties to the People’s Republic of*
 18 *China or the Chinese Communist Party;*

19 “(ii) *has produced studies regarding,*
 20 *or advocated for, regulations or policy to*
 21 *limit, restrict, or ban the use of any type of*
 22 *energy; and*

23 “(iii) *has applied for or received Fed-*
 24 *eral funds.*

25 “(3) *FACTORS FOR DETERMINATION.*—

1 “(A) *ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.*—

2 “(i) *DETERMINATION.*—Prior to pre-
3 scribing any new or amended energy con-
4 servation standard under this section for
5 any type (or class) of covered product, the
6 Secretary shall conduct a quantitative eco-
7 nomic impact analysis of imposition of the
8 energy conservation standard that deter-
9 mines the predicted—

10 “(I) *effects of imposition of the en-*
11 *ergy conservation standard on costs*
12 *and monetary benefits to consumers of*
13 *the products subject to such energy con-*
14 *servation standard, including—*

15 “(aa) *costs to low-income*
16 *households; and*

17 “(bb) *variations in costs to*
18 *consumers based on differences in*
19 *regions, including rural popu-*
20 *lations, cost of living compari-*
21 *sons, and climatic differences;*

22 “(II) *effects of imposition of the*
23 *energy conservation standard on em-*
24 *ployment; and*

1 “(III) *lifecycle costs for the cov-*
2 *ered product, including costs associated*
3 *with the purchase, installation, main-*
4 *tenance, disposal, and replacement of*
5 *the covered product.*

6 “(ii) NOTICE AND COMMENT.—*The*
7 *Secretary shall provide public notice in the*
8 *Federal Register and at least 60 days for*
9 *public comment on the quantitative eco-*
10 *nom ic impact analysis conducted under*
11 *clause (i).*

12 “(B) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL COSTS
13 *TO THE CONSUMER.—The Secretary may not de-*
14 *termine that imposition of an energy conserva-*
15 *tion standard is economically justified unless the*
16 *Secretary, based on an economic analysis under*
17 *subparagraph (A), determines that—*

18 “(i) *imposition of such energy con-*
19 *servation standard is not likely to result in*
20 *additional net costs to the consumer, includ-*
21 *ing any increase in net costs associated*
22 *with the purchase, installation, mainte-*
23 *nance, disposal, and replacement of the cov-*
24 *ered product; and*

1 “(ii) the monetary value of the energy
2 savings and, as applicable, water savings,
3 that the consumer will receive as a result of
4 such energy conservation standard during
5 the first 3 years after purchasing and in-
6 stalling a covered product complying with
7 such energy conservation standard, as cal-
8 culated under the applicable test procedure,
9 will be greater than any increased costs to
10 the consumer of the covered product due to
11 imposition of such energy conservation
12 standard, including increased costs associ-
13 ated with the purchase, installation, main-
14 tenance, disposal, and replacement of the
15 covered product.

16 “(C) *REQUIRED ENERGY OR WATER SAV-*
17 *INGS.—The Secretary may not determine that*
18 *imposition of an energy conservation standard is*
19 *economically justified unless the Secretary deter-*
20 *mines that compliance with such energy con-*
21 *servation standard will result in—*

22 “(i) a reduction of at least 0.3 quads
23 of site energy over 30 years; or

24 “(ii) at least a 10 percent reduction in
25 energy or water use of the covered product.

1 “(D) *CRITERIA RELATED TO PERFORM-*
2 *ANCE.—The Secretary may not determine that*
3 *imposition of an energy conservation standard is*
4 *economically justified unless the Secretary deter-*
5 *mines that imposition of such energy conserva-*
6 *tion standard will not result in any lessening of*
7 *the utility or the performance of the applicable*
8 *covered product, taking into consideration the ef-*
9 *fects of such energy conservation standard on—*

10 “(i) *the compatibility of the covered*
11 *product with existing systems;*

12 “(ii) *the life span of the covered prod-*
13 *uct;*

14 “(iii) *the operating conditions of the*
15 *covered product;*

16 “(iv) *the duty cycle, charging time,*
17 *and run time of the covered product, as ap-*
18 *plicable;*

19 “(v) *the maintenance requirements of*
20 *the covered product; and*

21 “(vi) *the replacement and disposal re-*
22 *quirements for the covered product.*

23 “(E) *TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION.—The*
24 *Secretary may not determine that imposition of*
25 *an energy conservation standard is economically*

1 *justified unless the Secretary determines that im-*
2 *position of such energy conservation standard is*
3 *not likely to result in the unavailability in the*
4 *United States of a type (or class) of products*
5 *based on what type of fuel the product consumes.*

6 “(F) *OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.*—

7 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*In determining*
8 *whether imposition of an energy conserva-*
9 *tion standard is economically justified, the*
10 *Secretary—*

11 “(I) *shall prioritize the interests*
12 *of consumers;*

13 “(II) *may not consider estimates*
14 *of the social costs or social benefits as-*
15 *sociated with incremental greenhouse*
16 *gas emissions; and*

17 “(III) *shall consider—*

18 “(aa) *the economic impact,*
19 *including any regulatory burden,*
20 *of the standard on the manufac-*
21 *turers and on the consumers of the*
22 *products subject to such standard;*

23 “(bb) *the savings in oper-*
24 *ating costs, including consumer*
25 *fuel costs, throughout the esti-*

1 *mated average life of the covered*
2 *product in the type (or class)*
3 *compared to any increase in the*
4 *price of, or in the initial charges*
5 *for, or maintenance expenses of,*
6 *the covered products which are*
7 *likely to result from the imposi-*
8 *tion of the standard;*

9 *“(cc) the total projected*
10 *amount of energy, or, as applica-*
11 *ble, water, savings likely to result*
12 *directly from the imposition of the*
13 *standard;*

14 *“(dd) the need for national*
15 *energy and water conservation;*

16 *“(ee) the impact of any less-*
17 *ening of market competition, as*
18 *determined in writing by the At-*
19 *torney General under clause (ii),*
20 *that is likely to result from the*
21 *imposition of the standard;*

22 *“(ff) whether the imposition*
23 *of the energy conservation stand-*
24 *ard is likely to result price dis-*
25 *crimination; and*

1 “(gg) other factors the Sec-
2 retary considers relevant.

3 “(ii) *ATTORNEY GENERAL DETERMINA-*
4 *TION.—For purposes of clause (i)(III)(ee),*
5 *the Attorney General shall make a deter-*
6 *mination of the impact, if any, of any less-*
7 *ening of market competition likely to result*
8 *from such standard and shall transmit such*
9 *determination, not later than 60 days after*
10 *the publication of a proposed rule pre-*
11 *scribing or amending an energy conserva-*
12 *tion standard, in writing to the Secretary,*
13 *together with an analysis of the nature and*
14 *extent of such impact. Any such determina-*
15 *tion and analysis shall be published by the*
16 *Secretary in the Federal Register.*

17 “(G) *REGULATORY REVIEW.—*

18 “(i) *EVALUATION.—Not later than 2 years*
19 *after the issuance of any final rule prescribing a*
20 *new or amended energy conservation standard*
21 *under this section for any type (or class) of cov-*
22 *ered product, the Secretary shall evaluate the*
23 *rule to determine whether such energy conserva-*
24 *tion standard is technologically feasible and eco-*

1 *nomically justified and whether the regulatory*
 2 *impact analysis for such rule remains accurate.*

3 “(ii) *EFFECT.*—*Notwithstanding any other*
 4 *provision of this part, if the Secretary deter-*
 5 *mines, based on an evaluation under clause (i),*
 6 *that an energy conservation standard is not tech-*
 7 *nologically feasible or economically justified—*

8 “(I) *the Secretary shall publish such*
 9 *determination and such energy conservation*
 10 *standard shall have no force or effect (except*
 11 *that such energy conservation standard*
 12 *shall be considered to be in effect for pur-*
 13 *poses of section 327); and*

14 “(II) *the Secretary may publish a final*
 15 *rule amending the energy conservation*
 16 *standard for the type (or class) of covered*
 17 *product to be technologically feasible and*
 18 *economically justified in accordance with*
 19 *this subsection, which amendment shall*
 20 *apply to such a product that is manufac-*
 21 *tured after the date that is 3 years after*
 22 *publication of such final rule.”.*

23 (d) *APPLICABILITY OF REGIONAL STANDARDS.*—*Sec-*
 24 *tion 325(o)(6)(E)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conserva-*
 25 *tion Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(o)(6)(E)(ii)) is amended by strik-*

1 ing “shall apply to any such product installed on or after
 2 the effective date of the standard in States in which the
 3 Secretary has designated the standard to apply” and insert-
 4 ing “shall apply, in States in which the Secretary has des-
 5 ignated the standard to apply, to any such product that
 6 is manufactured or imported into the United States on or
 7 after the effective date of the standard”.

8 (e) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

9 (1) *DEFINITIONS.*—

10 (A) *CONSUMER PRODUCT.*—Section
 11 321(1)(A) of the *Energy Policy and Conservation*
 12 *Act* (42 U.S.C. 6291(1)(A)) is amended by strik-
 13 ing “, with respect to showerheads, faucets, water
 14 closets, and urinals, water” and inserting
 15 “water, as applicable”.

16 (B) *ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARD.*—
 17 Section 321(6)(A) of the *Energy Policy and Con-*
 18 *servation Act* (42 U.S.C. 6291(6)(A)) is amended
 19 by striking “, or, in the case of showerheads, fau-
 20 cets, water closets, and urinals, water use,” and
 21 inserting “or water use, as applicable,”.

22 (C) *ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING*
 23 *COST.*—Section 321(7) of the *Energy Policy and*
 24 *Conservation Act* (42 U.S.C. 6291(7)) is amend-
 25 ed by striking “in the case of showerheads, fau-

1 *cets, water closets, and urinals” and inserting “,*
 2 *as applicable”.*

3 (2) *TEST PROCEDURES.*—

4 (A) *DESIGN OF TEST PROCEDURES.*—*Sec-*
 5 *tion 323(b)(3) of the Energy Policy and Con-*
 6 *servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) is amended*
 7 *by striking “energy efficiency, energy use, water*
 8 *use (in the case of showerheads, faucets, water*
 9 *closets and urinals)” and inserting “, as appli-*
 10 *cable, energy efficiency, energy use, water use”.*

11 (B) *CALCULATION OF COSTS.*—*Section*
 12 *323(b)(4) of the Energy Policy and Conservation*
 13 *Act (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(4)) is amended by—*

14 (i) *by striking “or, in the case of*
 15 *showerheads, faucets, water closets, or uri-*
 16 *nals,” and inserting “or, as applicable,”;*
 17 *and*

18 (ii) *by striking “or in the case of*
 19 *showerheads, faucets, water closets, or uri-*
 20 *nals,” and inserting “or, as applicable,”.*

21 (C) *RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS.*—*Section 323(c) of the Energy Policy*
 22 *and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6293(c)) is*
 23 *amended—*
 24

1 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “ or,
 2 in the case of showerheads, faucets, water
 3 closets, and urinals,” and inserting “or, as
 4 applicable,”; and

5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “ or,
 6 in the case of showerheads, faucets, water
 7 closets, and urinals,” and inserting “or, as
 8 applicable,”.

9 (3) *CRITERIA FOR PRESCRIBING NEW OR AMEND-*
 10 *ED STANDARDS.*—Section 325(o)(1) of the *Energy*
 11 *Policy and Conservation Act* is amended by striking
 12 “, or, in the case of showerheads, faucets, water clos-
 13 ets, or urinals,” and inserting “, or, as applicable,”.

14 (4) *REGIONAL STANDARDS.*—Section
 15 325(o)(6)(D)(i)(II) of the *Energy Policy and Con-*
 16 *servation Act* (42 U.S.C. 6295(o)(6)(D)(i)(II)) is
 17 amended by striking “this paragraph” and inserting
 18 “this subsection”.

19 (5) *PROCEDURE FOR PRESCRIBING NEW OR*
 20 *AMENDED STANDARDS.*—Section 325(p)(2)(A) of the
 21 *Energy Policy and Conservation Act* (42 U.S.C.
 22 6295(p)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “taking into
 23 account those factors which the Secretary must con-
 24 sider under subsection (o)(2)” and inserting “as de-
 25 termined in accordance with subsection (o)”.

1 (6) *INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.*—Section
 2 326(d)(1) of the *Energy Policy and Conservation Act*
 3 is amended by striking “or, in the case of
 4 showerheads, faucets, water closets, and urinals,” and
 5 inserting “or, as applicable,”.

6 (7) *ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR*
 7 *HIGH-INTENSITY DISCHARGE LAMPS, DISTRIBUTION*
 8 *TRANSFORMERS, AND SMALL ELECTRIC MOTORS.*—
 9 Section 346 of the *Energy Policy and Conservation*
 10 *Act* (42 U.S.C. 6317) is amended by striking sub-
 11 section (c).

12 **SEC. 3. DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS.**

13 Section 346 of the *Energy Policy and Conservation Act*
 14 (42 U.S.C. 6317) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 15 lowing:

16 “(g) *NO NEW OR REVISED STANDARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION*
 17 *TRANSFORMERS.*—

18 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Beginning on the date of en-
 19 actment of this subsection, the Secretary may not pre-
 20 scribe any new or amended energy conservation
 21 standard under part B or this part for distribution
 22 transformers, including those distribution trans-
 23 formers for which the Secretary prescribed testing re-
 24 quirements under subsection (a)(1) and low-voltage
 25 dry-type distribution transformers.

1 “(2) *EFFECT ON EXISTING STANDARDS.—*Para-
 2 *graph (1) does not affect any energy conservation*
 3 *standards prescribed under part B or this part before*
 4 *the date of enactment of this subsection.”.*

5 **SEC. 4. DISHWASHERS; CLOTHES WASHERS.**

6 *Section 325(g) of the Energy Policy and Conservation*
 7 *Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(g)) is amended—*

8 *(1) in paragraph (9)(B), by adding at the end*
 9 *the following:*

10 “(iii) *OTHER AMENDMENTS TO STAND-*
 11 *ARDS.—The Secretary may prescribe a new*
 12 *or amended energy conservation standard*
 13 *for clothes washers in accordance with this*
 14 *section, including—*

15 “(I) *a design requirement; and*

16 “(II) *a performance standard*
 17 *which prescribes one of the following:*

18 “(aa) *A minimum level of*
 19 *energy efficiency.*

20 “(bb) *A maximum quantity*
 21 *of energy use.*

22 “(cc) *A minimum level of*
 23 *water efficiency.*

24 “(dd) *A maximum quantity*
 25 *of water use.*

1 “(ee) *A minimum level of en-*
 2 *ergy efficiency and a minimum*
 3 *level of water efficiency.*

4 “(ff) *A maximum quantity of*
 5 *energy use and a maximum quan-*
 6 *tity of water use.”; and*

7 (2) *in paragraph (10)(B), by adding at the end*
 8 *the following:*

9 “(iii) *OTHER AMENDMENTS TO STAND-*
 10 *ARDS.—The Secretary may prescribe a new*
 11 *or amended energy conservation standard*
 12 *for dishwashers in accordance with this sec-*
 13 *tion, including—*

14 “(I) *a design requirement; and*

15 “(II) *a performance standard*
 16 *which prescribes one of the following:*

17 “(aa) *A minimum level of*
 18 *energy efficiency.*

19 “(bb) *A maximum quantity*
 20 *of energy use.*

21 “(cc) *A minimum level of*
 22 *water efficiency.*

23 “(dd) *A maximum quantity*
 24 *of water use.*

1 “(ee) *A minimum level of en-*
2 *ergy efficiency and a minimum*
3 *level of water efficiency.*

4 “(ff) *A maximum quantity of*
5 *energy use and a maximum quan-*
6 *tity of water use.”.*

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