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To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve the administration of the Federal energy conservation program for consumer products, to enhance consumer information programs to encourage the purchase of more energy efficient appliances, and to implement efficiency standards for furnaces, central air-conditioners, and water heaters.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3 (legislative day, APRIL 30), 1984

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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 SHORT TITLE

4 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Consumer
5 Products Energy Efficiency Amendments of 1984".

FINDINGS

SEC. 2. The Congress hereby finds that—

(1) consumer appliances consume a significant portion of domestic and imported energy, and if current trends continue, will consume 30 per centum more energy in the next two decades and require the construction and use of as many as two hundred new large central powerplants;

(2) appliances which make inefficient use of energy threaten our national security, national environment, and the domestic economy, and are at a competitive disadvantage in international appliance markets;

(3) energy-efficient appliances are being manufactured and could substantially reduce energy consumption and result in savings of energy costs to all users of such appliances;

(4) increased disclosure of information regarding appliance energy consumption would promote the manufacture of energy-efficient appliances; and

(5) legislation to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve the administration of the Federal energy conservation program for consumer products, to enhance consumer information programs to encourage the purchase of more energy efficient appli-

1 ances, and to implement efficiency standards for fur-
2 naces, central air-conditioners, and water heaters
3 would result in a substantial increase in energy
4 efficiency.

5 DISCLOSURE IN ADVERTISING AND SALE

6 SEC. 3. (a) Paragraph (4) of section 324(c) of the
7 Energy Policy and Conservation Act (relating to labeling) is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(4) A rule under this section applicable to a covered
10 product shall, within one hundred and eighty days after the
11 date of the enactment of the Consumer Products Energy Ef-
12 ficiency Amendments of 1983, require disclosure, in any
13 printed matter displayed or distributed at the point of sale of
14 such product, of any information which may be required
15 under this section to be disclosed on the label of such product
16 or included in advertising relating to such product.”.

17 (b) Such subsection is further amended by adding at the
18 end thereof the following new paragraph:

19 “(7)(A) In the case of a manufacturer of a covered prod-
20 uct to which a rule under this section applies, the Commis-
21 sion shall, within one hundred and eighty days after the date
22 of the enactment of the Consumer Products Energy Efficiency
23 Amendments of 1984, require such manufacturer to dis-
24 close, in any broadcast advertisement or any advertisement
25 in any newspaper, magazine, or other periodical, any infor-

1 mation which may be required under this section to be dis-
 2 closed on the label of such product.

3 “(B) Such disclosure shall be made in a manner that the
 4 Commission determines is likely to assist consumers in
 5 making purchasing decisions.”.

6 (c) The heading of such section is amended to read as
 7 follows:

8 “DISCLOSURE IN LABELING, ADVERTISING, AND SALE”.

9 (d) The table of contents for such Act is amended by
 10 striking out the item relating to section 325 and inserting in
 11 lieu thereof the following:

“Sec. 325. Disclosure in labeling, advertising, and sale.”.

12 CONSUMER EDUCATION

13 SEC. 4. Section 337 of the Energy Policy and Conser-
 14 vation Act (42 U.S.C. 6307), relating to consumer education,
 15 is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating such section as section
 17 337(a), and

18 (2) by striking out the last sentence and inserting
 19 in lieu thereof the following:

20 “(b) The Secretary, in consultation with the Commis-
 21 sion, shall publish and make available comparative guides of
 22 each type (and class) of covered products, indicating its
 23 energy efficiency and annual operating cost. Such guides
 24 shall contain consumer information on calculating the life-
 25 cycle costs of each such type (and class).”.

1 ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR WATER HEATERS,
2 CENTRAL AIR-CONDITIONERS, AND FURNACES

3 SEC. 5. Section 325(a) of the Energy Policy and Con-
4 servation Act (relating to energy efficiency standards) is
5 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(3)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the second sen-
8 tence of subsection (c), and subsection (d), the Secretary
9 shall, no later than one hundred and eighty days after the
10 date of the enactment of the Consumer Products Energy Ef-
11 ficiency Amendments of 1984, prescribe an energy efficiency
12 standard for each type (or class) of covered products specified
13 in paragraphs (5), (12), and (13) of section 322(a).

14 “(B) The standards for a type (or class) of covered prod-
15 ucts under this paragraph shall—

16 “(i) be no less than the median energy efficiency
17 for such type (or class) for 1980, and

18 “(ii) be based on a test procedure prescribed under
19 section 323 for such type (or class).”.

20 IMPROVEMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
21 CONSERVATION

22 SEC. 6. (a) Subparagraph (C) of section 325(a)(2) of the
23 Energy Policy and Conservation Act (relating to a determi-
24 nation that a substantial improvement in energy efficiency is
25 feasible) is amended by striking out “substantial improve-

1 ment” and inserting in lieu thereof “improvement of 20 per
2 centum or more”.

3 (b) Paragraph (2) of section 325(b) of such Act is
4 amended by striking out “significant conservation of energy”
5 and inserting in lieu thereof “improvement of 20 per centum
6 or more in energy efficiency”.

7 EFFECT OF FEDERAL STANDARD ON OTHER LAW; ESTAB-
8 LISHING EXPECTED AVERAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR
9 ENERGY EFFICIENCY

10 SEC. 7. Subsection (b) of section 325 of the Energy
11 Policy and Conservation Act (relating to energy efficiency
12 standards) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating such subsection as subsection

14 (b)(1),

15 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as sub-
16 paragraphs (A) and (B), respectively,

17 (3) by striking out “or” in subparagraph (B) (as so
18 redesignated) and inserting in lieu thereof “and”,

19 (4) by striking out the last sentence thereof, and

20 (5) by adding at the end thereof the following new
21 paragraph.

22 “(2) If, pursuant to paragraph (1), no standard for a
23 type (or class) of covered product is prescribed, the Secretary
24 shall issue a guideline for improvement in energy efficiency
25 for such type (or class) for each of the following five years.

26 The Secretary shall monitor the improvements in efficiency

1 of such type (or class) and shall prescribe a standard under
 2 section 325 whenever such type (or class) fails, for three con-
 3 secutive years, to achieve at least half of the improvement
 4 under such guideline. Such rule shall require a level of
 5 energy savings equal to the improvement under such
 6 guideline.”.



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