

National Electrical Manufacturers Association

NEMA Proposed Language Changes to the Energy Star Reform Act of 2017

Amendments to statute under Subsection C Duties:

"(X) to ensure proper management and administration of the ENERGY STAR program and its product programs, the Administrator or Secretary shall establish a uniform set of "managerial best practices" for its managers at every level, to be developed with public input in an open and transparent process."

"(X) when possible the program should use industry consensus test procedures, standards, and "best practices."

"(X) product specifications shall focus on energy-efficiency attributes, and shall not include non-energy attributes which otherwise do not impact energy-efficiency, unless the inclusion of specific non-energy attributes are broadly supported by industry to promote improved market adoption."

Amendment to Page 3, Line 3-7 of Draft Bill:

(D) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by striking "(which shall be 270 days, unless the Agency or Department specifies otherwise)" and inserting "(which shall not be less than 270 days in the case of specifications or other requirements, unless the Agency or Department specifies otherwise following consultation with impacted manufacturers)"; and"

Amendment to current statue:

'SEC.324A. (a) IN GENERAL —There is established within the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency a voluntary program to identify and promote

- (1) energy-efficient products that are predominantly designed and sold at retail for the household consumer market; and,
- (2) energy efficient buildings

in order to reduce energy consumption, improve energy security, and reduce pollution through voluntary labeling of, or other forms of communication about, products and buildings that meet the highest energy conservation standards.

Amendment to the current statue:

New Subsection "(E) Success Metrics" – For each product category the Administrator shall develop and establish in consultation with industry partners market penetration targets in terms of the share of ENERGY STAR labeled products within an overall product category for the purpose of defining a successful program outcome.

- (a) The Administrator shall review annually and report on progress made in achieving market penetration targets for each product category. The Administrator may consider in consultation with industry partners adjusting the market penetration target or sunsetting the program for the product category after achieving a successful program outcome.
- (b) An ENERGY STAR program shall not be sunset without the consent of the majority of its industry partners. Until such time, the Administrator should include partners' inputs on methods to continue the program without undue burden."