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# **H. R. 7637**

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Refrigerator Freedom  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**  
2 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR REFRIG-**  
3 **ERATORS, REFRIGERATOR-FREEZERS, AND**  
4 **FREEZERS.**

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

10 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-  
11 servation standard for a covered product that is a  
12 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer  
13 under such section unless the Secretary of Energy  
14 determines that the prescription and imposition of  
15 such energy conservation standard is technologically  
16 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 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a  
20 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that  
21 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-  
22 servation standard is not technologically feasible or  
23 economically justified.

24 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-  
25 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)

1 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act  
2 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

3 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-  
4 servation standard for a covered product that is a  
5 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer  
6 under such section unless the Secretary of Energy  
7 determines that the prescription and imposition of  
8 such energy conservation standard is not likely to re-  
9 sult in additional net costs to the consumer, includ-  
10 ing any increase in net costs associated with the  
11 purchase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-  
12 placement of the covered product; or

13 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard  
14 prescribed under such section for a covered product  
15 that is a refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a  
16 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that  
17 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-  
18 servation standard is likely to result in additional  
19 net costs to the consumer, including any increase in  
20 net costs associated with the purchase, installation,  
21 maintenance, disposal, and replacement of the cov-  
22 ered product.

23 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-  
24 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of

1 section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act  
2 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

3 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-  
4 servation standard for a covered product that is a  
5 refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a freezer  
6 under such section if the Secretary of Energy deter-  
7 mines that the prescription and imposition of such  
8 energy conservation standard will not result in sig-  
9 nificant conservation of energy; or

10 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard  
11 prescribed under such section for a covered product  
12 that is a refrigerator, a refrigerator-freezer, or a  
13 freezer if the Secretary of Energy determines that  
14 enforcement of or compliance with such energy con-  
15 servation standard will not result in significant con-  
16 servation of energy.

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