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# **H. R. 7673**

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes washers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. OGLES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
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## **A BILL**

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes washers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes.

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 “Liberty in Laundry  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-**  
2 **SERVATION STANDARDS FOR CLOTHES**  
3 **WASHERS.**

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

9 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-  
10 servation standard for a covered product that is a  
11 clothes washer under such section unless the Sec-  
12 retary of Energy determines that the prescription  
13 and imposition of such energy conservation standard  
14 is technologically feasible and economically justified;  
15 or

16 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard  
17 prescribed under such section for a covered product  
18 that is a clothes washer if the Secretary of Energy  
19 determines that enforcement of or compliance with  
20 such energy conservation standard is not techno-  
21 logically feasible or economically justified.

22 (b) PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-  
23 SUMERS.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)  
24 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act  
25 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

1           (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-  
2           servation standard for a covered product that is a  
3           clothes washer under such section unless the Sec-  
4           retary of Energy determines that the prescription  
5           and imposition of such energy conservation standard  
6           is not likely to result in additional net costs to the  
7           consumer, including any increase in net costs associ-  
8           ated with the purchase, installation, maintenance,  
9           disposal, and replacement of the covered product; or

10          (2) enforce an energy conservation standard  
11          prescribed under such section for a covered product  
12          that is a clothes washer if the Secretary of Energy  
13          determines that enforcement of or compliance with  
14          such energy conservation standard is likely to result  
15          in additional net costs to the consumer, including  
16          any increase in net costs associated with the pur-  
17          chase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-  
18          placement of the covered product.

19          (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-  
20          MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of  
21          section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act  
22          (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

23               (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-  
24               servation standard for a covered product that is a  
25               clothes washer under such section if the Secretary of

1 Energy determines that the prescription and imposi-  
2 tion of such energy conservation standard will not  
3 result in significant conservation of energy; or

4 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard  
5 prescribed under such section for a covered product  
6 that is a clothes washer if the Secretary of Energy  
7 determines that enforcement of or compliance with  
8 such energy conservation standard will not result in  
9 significant conservation of energy.

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