
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 319 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY GABLER, BAKER, BLOOM, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON,
FABRIZIO, GEIST, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE,
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MALONEY, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, OBERLANDER, PICKETT, RAPP,
ROAE, SACCONI, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TOOHIL AND
COX, JULY 18, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JULY 18, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to repeal the provisions of the Energy
2 Independence and Security Act of 2007, which creates Federal
3 energy efficiency standards for lighting.

4 WHEREAS, The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007
5 effectively bans the sale of most current incandescent light
6 bulbs beginning January 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, Existing alternatives, including the most common
8 replacement, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), to
9 incandescent light bulbs are often more expensive than their
10 standard incandescent counterparts; and

11 WHEREAS, CFLs are loaded with toxic mercury, which upon
12 breakage or disposal pollutes the environment via seepage into
13 groundwater and rivers and lakes and threatens human health; and

14 WHEREAS, Such a change would jeopardize the economic
15 stability and well-being of many American manufacturers who have
16 been producing incandescent light bulbs for decades; and

1 WHEREAS, The unnecessary limitation of available light bulb
2 selection would obstruct free choice of American consumers by
3 depriving them of long-established personal liberties; and

4 WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
5 United States reserves to the states and their people all powers
6 not delegated to the Federal Government and not prohibited to
7 the states; and

8 WHEREAS, The Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the
9 United States provides that certain rights enumerated in the
10 Constitution shall not be construed to deny or disparage other
11 rights retained by the people; and

12 WHEREAS, It is therefore evident that if an item manufactured
13 in this Commonwealth without the inclusion of any significant
14 parts imported from another state and offered for sale and sold
15 only for use within the borders of this Commonwealth, the item
16 is not in the stream of interstate commerce and not subject to
17 Federal regulation under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution
18 of the United States pursuant to section 8 of Article I;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize members of each house
22 of Congress to repeal the provisions of the Energy Independence
23 and Security Act of 2007, which creates Federal energy
24 efficiency standards for lighting; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
27 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.