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To prohibit the sale of certain inefficient light bulbs, and require the development of a plan for increasing the use of more efficient light bulbs by consumers and businesses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2007

Ms HARMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. PROHIBITION.**

4 (a) REGULATIONS —Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
6 shall issue regulations—

1 (1) prohibiting the sale of light bulbs that emit
2 less than 60 lumens per watt, effective January 1,
3 2012;

4 (2) prohibiting the sale of light bulbs that emit
5 less than 90 lumens per watt, effective January 1,
6 2016; and

7 (3) prohibiting the sale of light bulbs that emit
8 less than 120 lumens per watt, effective January 1,
9 2020

10 (b) EXEMPTIONS.—The regulations issued under
11 subsection (a) shall include procedures for the Secretary
12 to provide exemptions to the prohibition. The Secretary
13 may provide such an exemption only in cases where the
14 Secretary finds, after a hearing and opportunity for public
15 comment, that it is not technically feasible to serve a spe-
16 cialized lighting application, such as a military, medical,
17 or public safety application, using bulbs that meet the re-
18 quirements of subsection (a). Exemptions provided under
19 this subsection shall expire after 2 years. No exemption
20 may be provided under this subsection for general illu-
21 mination applications.

22 (c) CIVIL PENALTY.—The Secretary of Energy shall
23 include in regulations under this section a schedule of ap-
24 propriate civil penalties for violations of the prohibition

1 under this section. Such penalties shall be in an amount
2 sufficient to ensure compliance with this Act.

3 (d) DEFINITION —For purposes of this Act, the term
4 “general illumination” means lighting designed to provide
5 a substantially uniform level of luminance throughout an
6 area exclusive of any provision for special or local require-
7 ments.

8 **SEC. 2. PLAN.**

9 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
10 of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall transmit to the
11 Congress a plan for encouraging and providing incentives
12 for the use of more efficient light bulbs by consumers and
13 businesses.

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