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H.B. No. 4156

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to energy efficiency standards for appliances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 447.012, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 447.012. APPLIANCE STANDARDS; REPORTS. (a) The state energy conservation office shall determine the feasibility and cost-benefit to consumers of setting ~~[appliance]~~ energy efficiency standards for appliances that are not currently regulated for energy efficiency in this state by the federal government, if the office determines that [the] new standards would reduce the emission of air contaminants or improve the efficiency and reliability of the delivery of electrical power in Texas, including in periods of high demand. ~~[The office may not consider the feasibility and cost-benefit to consumers of setting appliance standards for air conditioning systems under this section.]~~

(b) Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, the state energy conservation office shall prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature written reports on its findings and recommendations, including legislative recommendations.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.