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Sponsor Testimony in Support of HB772

Maryland Energy Administration - Energy and Water Efficiency Standards - Alterations

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HB772 requires that the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) adopt minimum efficiency standards for portable electric spas, air purifiers, commercial dishwashers, commercial steam cookers, faucets, residential ventilating fans, showerheads, spray sprinkler bodies, urinals, water closets, and water coolers. Specific minimum standards are specified for each product. Products which do not meet these standards may not be sold in Maryland after January 1, 2024, and may not be installed after January 1, 2025.

In addition, the bill requires MEA to review standards for two additional products: High Color Rendering Index (CRI) Fluorescent lamps, and Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (Electric Vehicle Chargers), and authorizes MEA to adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for these two products. These products require additional review before adopting regulations to evaluate possible consumer impact. If regulations are adopted, these products may not be sold after October 1, 2024 or installed after October 1, 2025 unless the standards are met.

In addition, the bill repeals standards on an earlier list of products which have now been preempted by the federal government.

Maryland has been a leader in energy efficiency standards, and these new standards will save energy, reduce water use, and save consumers money on energy bills.

I ask for a favorable report for HB772.