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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
OCTOBER 31, 2005

AN ACT

1 Establishing an energy-efficient appliance rebate program; and
2 making an appropriation.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Energy-
7 efficient Appliance Rebate Program Act.

8 Section 2. Legislative findings.

9 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

10 (1) The United States Department of Energy has
11 established a program to provide funds to states that have
12 programs providing rebates to residential consumers for the
13 purchase of residential Energy Star products to replace used
14 appliances of the same type.

15 (2) The Federal funds are required to supplement, not

1 supplant, funds made available by the state for rebates.

2 (3) The allocation to a state may be used to pay up to
3 50% of the cost of establishing and carrying out a state
4 rebate program.

5 (4) The United States Department of Energy has been
6 authorized an annual \$50,000,000 appropriation for this
7 purpose.

8 (5) The Commonwealth would benefit from establishing a
9 rebate program that meets the Federal requirements.

10 Section 3. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
15 the Commonwealth.

16 "Residential Energy Star product." A product for a residence
17 that is rated for energy efficiency under the United States
18 Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star Program.

19 Section 4. Establishment.

20 The department shall establish and administer an energy-
21 efficient appliance rebate program to provide rebates to
22 residents of this Commonwealth for the purchase of residential
23 Energy Star products to replace used appliances of the same
24 type. The amount of a rebate shall be based on the difference
25 between the cost of a residential Energy Star product and the
26 cost of a comparable appliance that is not a residential Energy
27 Star product.

28 Section 5. Appropriation.

29 The sum of \$100,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
30 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the department

- 1 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.
- 2 Section 10. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.