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AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the energy law, in relation to appliance and equipment energy efficiency standards

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Section 165 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:
  - 9. CONSUMER AUDIO AND VIDEO PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF SECTION 16-102 OF THE ENERGY LAW PURCHASED BY OR FOR THE STATE OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF SHALL MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS: A. THAT SUCH PRODUCTS MEET THE ELECTRONIC PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TOOL (EPEAT) GOLD STANDARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FOR AT LEAST NINE-TY-FIVE PERCENT OF PRODUCTS PURCHASED IN ALL RELEVANT ELECTRONIC PRODUCT CATEGORIES, UNLESS THERE IS NO EPEAT GOLD STANDARD FOR SUCH PRODUCT;
- 10 B. THAT SUCH PRODUCTS MEET THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE APPLICABLE 11 ENERGY STAR STANDARD;
- 12 C. THAT POLICIES ARE ESTABLISHED AND IMPLEMENTED TO EXTEND THE USEFUL 13 LIFE OF THE AGENCY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT;
- 14 D. THAT ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND PRACTICES ARE USED WITH RESPECT TO 15 DISPOSITION OF AGENCY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT THAT HAS REACHED THE END OF 16 ITS USEFUL LIFE; AND

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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E. THAT SUCH PRODUCTS ARE LIFE-CYCLE COST-EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICABLE AND WHERE THE RELEVANT PRODUCT'S UTILITY AND PERFORMANCE ARE NOT COMPROMISED AS A RESULT.

- S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 16-106 of the energy law, as added by chapter 431 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 or before [June thirtieth, two thousand six] JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, the secretary, in consultation with 8 the president, shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions 9 10 of this article establishing: (i) energy efficiency performance standfor new products of the types set forth in paragraphs (a) through 11 (n) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article, with the exception of such [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (E) (CONSUMER AUDIO AND VIDEO 12 13 14 PRODUCTS) AND (q) (incandescent reflector lamps); (ii) procedures for 15 testing the energy efficiency of the products covered by paragraphs (a) through (n) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article; (iii) 16 procedures for manufacturers to certify that products covered under this 17 article meet the energy efficiency standards to be promulgated under 18 19 this article; and (iv) such further matters as are necessary to insure 20 the proper implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this 21 article. WITH RESPECT TO CONSUMER AUDIO, VIDEO AND INFORMATION TECHNOL-22 OGY PRODUCTS, INCLUDED IN SUBDIVISION NINE OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH 23 PRESIDENT, SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ENERGY 24 25 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FOR SUCH PRODUCT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, TAKING INTO 26 ACCOUNT FACTORS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE POTENTIAL ELECTRICITY USAGE, PRODUCT AVAILABILITY, MANUFACTURING COST, INNOVATION, 27 PRODUCT FEATURES AND FUNCTION, AND CONSUMER AND 28 PRODUCT CONVERGENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS. BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUCH STUDY, 29 30 SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT, MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE ESTABLISHING ENERGY 31 32 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR SUCH PRODUCTS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST, 33 TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN. With respect to incandescent reflector lamps, included in paragraph (g) of subdivision one of section 34 35 16-104 of this article, the secretary, in consultation with the president, shall conduct a study to determine whether an energy efficiency 36 performance standard for such product should be established, taking into 37 account factors including the potential impact on electricity usage, 38 product availability and consumer and environmental benefits. If it 39 40 determined based on this study that such a standard would reduce energy use and would not be preempted by the federal law, the secretary, 41 consultation with the president, shall adopt regulations in accordance 42 43 with the provisions of this article establishing energy performance 44 standards for such product on or before January first, two thousand 45 eight.
  - S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that no energy efficiency performance standard shall become effective for a product less than one hundred eighty days after such energy efficiency performance standard shall become final.