



SUPPORT

S. 7176 (Parker)

AN ACT to amend the energy law, the executive law, and the state finance law, in relation to establishing the “Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2021”

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 7176 (Parker), which would remove current barriers in the energy law that would impede the adoption of updates to the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (Energy Code) needed to align the Energy Code with the clean energy and climate policies and goals of the state, as well as increase the state’s efficiency standards for appliances, which are necessary steps in order to implement the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)

The bill updates the mechanics for establishing the next state building code; incorporating life cycle cost analysis, and including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the cost-effectiveness analysis. It also removes automatic exemptions from the code, requiring instead that the Code Council determine if any exceptions should be included. An improved energy code based on these changes is expected to reduce utility bills by an estimated \$2.5 billion, and GHG emissions by 21 mmtCO₂e, by 2030.

The bill will also yield enormous cost and GHG savings with new energy and water standards for appliances and products; including commonly used products such as televisions, computers and lighting used to illuminate large public areas. The codes and standards efficiency bill is a cost-effective approach to helping achieve the goals already included in the CLCPA. The passage of this bill will help New Yorkers start benefiting from the real cost and carbon savings from energy code and appliance standards, and lock in a more efficient built environment for decades to come.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 7176.

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