

## **Changes in the Markey Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute To the Committee Print on HomeStar**

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The Markey Amendment in a Nature of Substitute (ANS) makes the following changes to the Committee Print on HomeStar:

### **Substantive Changes**

- **Limitation on authorization of appropriations.** In response to Member preference, the ANS limits the appropriations authorization for HomeStar to no more than \$6 billion.
  - Amends page 55, line 7, to strike “such sums as may be necessary” and insert “\$6,000,000,000.” [Change is at ANS, p.55, line 14]
  
- **Modification of verification rate based on past performance.** In order to have a focused quality assurance program, the ANS authorizes the Secretary of Energy to increase the rate of verification for contractors that have not performed quality retrofits in the past. An additional provision allows the Secretary to reduce the rate of verification for contractors who have consistently performed quality retrofits.
  - At p. 30, lines 18-19, strike “manager of the quality assurance program” and replace with “the Secretary.” [Change is at ANS, p.30, lines 6-7]
  
  - At p. 30, add new Sec. 5(e)(2)(A)(ii)(II) as follows:

[In the case of a qualified contractor whose previous retrofit work] “the Secretary or State has found to successfully comply with the requirements of this section, the Secretary may establish a lower percentage of the retrofits performed by that contractor under this section with respect to a rebate described in subsection (a) to be subject to field verification by an independent quality assurance provider.”  
[Change is at ANS, p. 30, lines 14-23]
  
- **Maintaining a list of quality assurance providers.** The ANS requires that quality assurance program administrators be responsible for maintaining a list of quality assurance providers.
  - At p. 44, add Sec. 7(a)(3)(F) to read “maintenance of a list of qualified quality assurance providers and minimum standards for such quality assurance providers.” [Change is at ANS, p.44, lines 6-8]

**Technical Changes.** The Markey ANS also makes the following technical changes to the Committee Print:

- Clarifies that a contractor executes a HomeStar participation agreement with a rebate aggregator.
  - Amends Sec. 3(c), p.8 lines 17-18 to read “. . . only if it executes a Home Star participation agreement **with a rebate aggregator** affirming that . . . .” [Change is at ANS, p. 8, lines 2-3]
- Clarifies that rebate aggregators, not quality assurance programs, are intended to review rebate applications.
  - Delete “delivery of quality assurance reviews of rebate applications, and” from Sec. 2(17)(B), p.5. [Change is at ANS, pp. 4-5]
- Clarifies that the financing provisions are not permitted to support securitization.
  - Page 53, line 22: after “instruments” and before “necessary” insert “(excluding securitization instruments)”. [Change is at ANS, p. 54, lines 5-6]
- Clarifies that qualified testing laboratories should test the thermal efficiency of equipment, not quality assurance providers.
  - Page 25, lines 5-6, strike “quality assurance provider” and insert “test laboratory approved by the Secretary.” [Change is at ANS, p. 24, lines 15-16]
- Fixes a typographical error in a provision relating to windows and skylights.
  - At p. 23, line 18, strike “or” and insert “and” [Change is at ANS, p. 23, line 3]