

**SENATE, No. 1247**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires BPU to adopt energy efficiency standards for general service incandescent lamps equivalent to federal standards.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning energy efficiency standards for general service  
2 incandescent lamps and supplementing P.L.2005, c.42 (C.48:3-  
3 99 et seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. No later than one year after the effective date of P.L. ,  
9 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the Board  
10 of Public Utilities shall adopt rules and regulations that establish  
11 minimum energy efficiency standards for general service  
12 incandescent lamps that conform to the federal standards adopted  
13 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s.6295, or any successor legislation.

14 b. Upon the revision of any federal energy efficiency standard  
15 for general service incandescent lamps, the Board of Public Utilities  
16 shall amend any rules or regulations that establish energy efficiency  
17 standards for general service incandescent lamps to conform to the  
18 revised federal energy efficiency standard. Any revision to the  
19 State standard shall be effective as of the effective date of the  
20 revised federal standard.

21 c. A violation of the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to  
22 this section shall be considered a violation of P.L.2005, c.42  
23 (C.48:3-99 et seq.) and shall be subject to the same penalties and  
24 enforcement measures provided therein.

25 d. As used in this section, "general service incandescent lamp"  
26 means the same as that term is defined in 42 U.S.C. s.6295, or any  
27 successor legislation.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill would require the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to  
35 adopt energy efficiency standards for general service incandescent  
36 lamps equivalent to federal standards.

37 The bill would require that the BPU adopt rules and regulations  
38 that establish minimum energy efficiency standards for general  
39 service incandescent lamps that conform to the federal standards  
40 adopted pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s.6295, or any successor legislation.  
41 Upon the revision of any federal energy efficiency standard for  
42 general service incandescent lamps, the BPU would be required to  
43 amend any energy efficiency standard for general service  
44 incandescent lamps to conform to the revised federal energy  
45 efficiency standard. Any revised State standard would be effective  
46 as of the effective date of the revised federal standard. A violation  
47 of the provisions in the bill would be considered a violation of  
48 P.L.2005, c.42 (C.48:3-99 et seq.) and would be subject to the same

1 penalties and enforcement measures, which include a warning for a  
2 first violation and a civil penalty of not more than \$250 for repeat  
3 violations. As used in the bill, “general service incandescent lamp”  
4 means the same as that term is defined in 42 U.S.C. s.6295, or any  
5 successor legislation.

6 Although states are preempted from enacting energy efficiency  
7 standards for certain general service incandescent lamps that are  
8 stricter than federal standards, states may adopt energy efficiency  
9 standards for general service incandescent lamps that conform to  
10 the federal standards and effective dates. This bill would require  
11 BPU to adopt energy efficiency standards for general service  
12 incandescent lamps equivalent to federal standards, and would  
13 allow BPU to enforce those standards.