

## HR 482

Water Heater Rating Improvement Act of 2011

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Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Sep 22, 2011
Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Oct 11, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6582	Related bill	<b>Dec 18, 2012:</b> Became Public Law No: 112-210.
112 HR 4850	Related bill	<b>Sep 24, 2012:</b> Message on Senate action sent to the House.
112 S 398	Related bill	<b>May 18, 2011:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 54.
112 S 156	Identical bill	<b>Jan 25, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Water Heater Rating Improvement Act of 2011 - Amends the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) to require the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to publish a rule that establishes a uniform efficiency descriptor and accompanying test methods for water heaters, storage water heaters, instantaneous water heaters, and unfired water storage tanks (covered heaters) no later than 180 days after this Act's enactment. Requires: (1) the efficiency descriptor and accompanying test method to apply to all water heating technologies in use and to future water heating technologies, and (2) the efficiency standard to be denominated according to the efficiency descriptor.

Sets forth provisions concerning a mathematical conversion factor for converting the measurement of efficiency for covered heaters from the test procedures in effect on the date of enactment of this Act to the new energy descriptor.

Authorizes the rule to exclude a specific category of covered water heaters from the uniform efficiency descriptor if the category of water heaters: (1) does not have a residential use and can be clearly described, and (2) are rated effectively using the thermal efficiency and standby loss descriptors applied to the category.

Requires the Secretary, in establishing the rule, to contract with the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct testing and simulation of alternative descriptors identified for consideration.

Considers a covered water heater to be in compliance with the rule and with any revised labeling requirements established by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to implement the rule if the covered water heater: (1) was manufactured prior to the effective date of the rule, and (2) complied with the efficiency standards and labeling requirements in effect prior to the rule.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 9, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
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