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S. 1696

To require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of video game console energy efficiency.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Green Gaming Act
5 of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. VIDEO GAME CONSOLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
7 **STUDY.**

8 (a) INITIAL STUDY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Energy (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
2 retary”) shall conduct a study of—

3 (A) video game console energy use; and

4 (B) opportunities for energy savings re-
5 garding that energy use.

6 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The study under paragraph
7 (1) shall include an assessment of all power con-
8 suming modes and media playback modes.

9 (b) ACTION ON COMPLETION.—On completion of the
10 initial study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall de-
11 termine, by regulation, whether minimum energy effi-
12 ciency standards for video game console energy use should
13 be established.

14 (c) FOLLOW-UP STUDY.—If the Secretary deter-
15 mines under subsection (b) that standards should not be
16 established, not later than 3 years after the date of com-
17 pletion of the determination, the Secretary shall conduct
18 a follow-up study.

19 (d) EFFECT OF SECTION.—Nothing in this section
20 prohibits a State from establishing an energy efficiency
21 standard for video game console energy use before the
22 date on which such a standard, if any, is established by
23 the Secretary pursuant to this section.

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