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The bill repeals Section 413 of the [Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007](#), and ensures that the DOE's final rule on Energy Conservation Standards for Manufactured Housing will have no force or effect. Section 413 directed the DOE to establish energy efficiency construction standards for manufactured housing, an abrupt change from the long-standing authority of HUD to decide on federal construction standards for manufactured homes via the HUD Code.

HUD has been the regulatory and oversight body for [manufactured housing for more than 50 years](#).

MHI and industry consensus contend that the duplicative agency mandate would create regulatory confusion, and “undermined the goal of advancing practical energy efficiency improvements within the HUD Code,” [MHI](#) stated.

In comments supporting the legislation, Subcommittee Chair Bob Latta from Ohio acknowledged that, under current law, DOE and HUD have overlapping authority to set energy efficiency standards for manufactured housing.

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