

# The Home Owner Managing Energy Savings Act of 2013

## HOMES Act

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The HOMES Act is a short-term program to create jobs, save energy, and lower families' energy bills. HOMES will restart the assembly lines at factories that manufacture energy efficiency technologies and will put construction workers back on the job installing these improvements in the homes of thousands of American families.

### **HOMES Overview:**

The HOMES act will incentivize home owners to undertake comprehensive home energy retrofits to increase residential energy efficiency and cut utility costs for families. HOMES will provide homeowners with rebates to help cover the cost of an efficiency upgrade. Home owners may upgrade doors, windows, insulation, HVAC units or other home improvements to lower energy costs. The consumer may choose the scope of the project and the types of upgrades made to their home.

### **How HOMES Works:**

Once a home owner selects to perform a home upgrade under the HOMES act they will begin by hiring a certified contractor to perform the work. Prior to the start of the project a home energy audit will be performed. The audit will allow the home owner to elect the desired energy savings for the home and scale the project to achieve the desired energy savings for the home.

A qualified retrofit will be carried out by the contractor and after completion of the project a rebate will be awarded based on the actual achieved reduction of energy use. The rebates begin at \$2,000 for a 20–24 percent reduction in home energy use and increase up to \$8,000 for a 50 percent or more reduction in home energy use. Rebates may not exceed \$8,000 or 50 percent of expenditures.

### **The Benefits of HOMES:**

The HOMES act will put contractors back to work. It will help spur the creation of important jobs in the manufacturing and retail sales of energy efficient technologies and products. The construction jobs targeted by the HOMES act cannot be outsourced and more than 90 percent of energy efficiency technologies are manufactured here in America.

### **Authorization:**

\$500 million a year between years 2014 and 2017 is authorized to the Secretary of Energy to carry out this Act.

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