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Promote energy efficiency and a reduction in energy costs; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Strategy**

- (1) Within twelve months of the passing of this Act the Secretary of State must publish a strategy containing a commitment to use building regulations by 2020 or such earlier date or dates that he considers appropriate to require any replacement heating system to achieve—5
  - (a) increased energy efficiency, and
  - (b) reduced energy costs.
- (2) Heating systems within the scope of subsection (1) must be—
  - (a) cost effective;
  - (b) available in sufficient volumes to service the likely size of the market; 10
  - and
  - (c) able to be installed and serviced by an appropriately trained and competent workforce.
- (3) The strategy may also include measures to promote new or under-utilised technology that would reduce fuel bills and carbon emissions if in the opinion of the Secretary of State it is cost effective to do so. 15
- (4) Before publishing the strategy the Secretary of State must consult—
  - (a) persons engaged in producing or developing technology that would increase energy efficiency or reduce energy costs or reduce carbon emissions, and 20
  - (b) such other persons as he deems appropriate.

**2 Financial provisions**

*There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament —*

- (a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, and*
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.*

**3 Short title and extent**

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- (1) This Act may be cited as the Energy Efficiency and Reduction in Energy Costs Act 2012.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

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