

Energy Choice – Connections Language

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 7.2 to title 6 as follows:

Article 7.2. Consumer right to energy choice.

6-7.2-101. Declaration.

(1) THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE THAT:

(a) GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS RESTRICTING OR BANNING COMMON-USE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SUCH AS GAS-POWERED VEHICLES, STOVES, HEATERS, AND LAWNMOWERS, AS WELL AS PROPANE-FUELED PRODUCTS, CREATES SEVERE FINANCIAL, SAFETY, AND PRACTICAL BURDENS FOR WORKING CITIZENS; AND

(b) ACCESS TO ENERGY TO POWER AND HEAT HOMES, COOK, AND OPERATE EQUIPMENT IS A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN.

6-7.2-102. Restrictions on access to energy prohibited.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT BAN OR RESTRICT PRODUCTS OR SERVICE CONNECTIONS POWERED BY AN ENERGY SUPPLY IN COMMON USE BASED ON THE ENERGY SOURCE THAT POWERS OR FUELS THAT PRODUCT OR SERVICE CONNECTION EXCEPT FOR HEALTH OR SAFETY RESTRICTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE OR ITS SUCCESSOR, OR IN CASE OF A PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY SUCH AS FIRE OR IMMINENT RISK OF FIRE.