

***SD860: An Act Relative to Home Energy Efficiency*** – Senator Donnelly, Rep. Donato

We are all familiar with the stickers on cars indicating the efficiency of the car as expressed in miles per gallon. Homebuyers should have as much information about the costs of operating homes as car buyers do for vehicles. This legislation would require home sellers to obtain an energy efficiency rating and disclose it to potential buyers. This could be accomplished via the existing home inspection process or an electric utility program that offers free home energy audits. Such a requirement would incentivize homeowners to make cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, and provide consumers with critical information on what to expect for their future utility bills.

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