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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To require data centers to generate electricity, and for other
purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Rate Infla-
5 tion in Consumer Energy Act” or the “PRICE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR DATA CENTERS TO GENERATE**
2 **ELECTRICITY.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Each data center located in the
4 United States shall generate all of the electricity the data
5 center consumes each year.

6 (b) USE OF CLEAN ENERGY SOURCES.—

7 (1) 75 PERCENT.—During the period beginning
8 on January 1, 2035, and ending on the date de-
9 scribed in paragraph (2), not less than 75 percent
10 of the electricity generated by a data center for pur-
11 poses of subsection (a) shall be from a clean energy
12 source.

13 (2) 100 PERCENT.—Beginning on January 1,
14 2040, 100 percent of the electricity generated by a
15 data center for purposes of subsection (a) shall be
16 from a clean energy source.

17 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

18 (1) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any data center that vio-
19 lates any provision of this section shall be subject to
20 a civil penalty of not more than \$100,000 per day
21 until the violation is rectified.

22 (2) ESTABLISHMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
23 PROCESS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of
24 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall
25 establish an administrative process for the issuance
26 of civil penalties for violations of this section.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) CLEAN ENERGY SOURCE.—The term “clean
3 energy source” includes a solar, wind, battery, green
4 hydrogen, hydropower, and geothermal source.

5 (2) DATA CENTER.—The term “data center”
6 means a facility that—

7 (A) is described in section 453(a)(1) of the
8 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007
9 (42 U.S.C. 17112(a)(1)); and

10 (B) consumes at least 50 megawatts each
11 day.