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Illinois Congressman Dan Lipinski and South Carolina Representative Bob Inglis are proposing to replace old-fashioned light bulbs in federal buildings with new, high-tech bulbs.

The congressmen's bill is officially known as the Bulb Replacement in Government with High-efficiency Technology Energy Savings Act, or BRIGHT Energy Savings Act.

Lipinski says the bill will from today on be known as the BRIGHT Energy Savings Act.

A new bulb is estimated to save \$74 in energy costs over the typical lifetime cost of an old-style bulb.

Sponsors say one type of bulb that could be used is the Energy Star-certified Compact Fluorescent Light bulb, which is estimated to use 75 percent less energy and last 8 to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.