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**House Bill 5229 (As Introduced)**

**Topic:** Energy-saving Improvements to Residences  
**Sponsor:** Representative Slavens  
**Co-sponsors:** Representatives Geiss, Gregory, Kennedy, and Liss  
**Committee:** House Energy and Technology

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**Date of Summary:** August 12, 2009

The bill creates a new act entitled the Energy-Saving Residential Improvement Act. The bill would allow a residential homeowner to make an energy-saving improvement to his or her home. Provisions of homeowner's association agreements requiring association approval of an energy-saving improvement would be unenforceable. A local unit of government would be prohibited from requiring homeowner's association approval before such an improvement is implemented. The bill defines an energy-saving improvement as use of a clothesline, installation of solar panels, and use of windmills. The bill concludes by clarifying that it does not prohibit a municipality from implementing independent requirements that may forbid or limit such improvements.

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