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Introduced by Representative McCormack of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Energy; commerce; electric efficiency; retail establishments;
air-conditioning

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit retail establishments from propping or leaving exterior doors open while operating air-conditioning systems.

An act relating to the efficient operation of air conditioners at retail establishments

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 86 is added to read:

CHAPTER 86. EFFICIENT OPERATION OF AIR-CONDITIONING

SYSTEMS AT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

§ 3221. EFFICIENT OPERATION OF AN AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM

A person shall not prop or keep open any exterior door of a restaurant or retail establishment while an air conditioner or central cooling system is operating that cools the area adjacent to that door. The provisions of this

1 chapter shall not apply when an emergency situation exists that requires an
2 exterior door to remain open.

3 § 3222. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

4 (a) The Attorney General or a State's Attorney may institute proceedings to
5 enjoin or to assess a penalty on the owner or lessee of a restaurant or retail
6 establishment found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

7 (b) The owner or lessee of any retail establishment or restaurant who
8 willfully violates the provisions of this chapter may be subject to a civil
9 penalty of not more than \$50.00 for every day that the violation continues.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.