

1 H.136

2 Introduced by Representative McCormack of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Energy; building energy efficiency; residential building energy

6 standards; energy standards for existing multi-unit residential

7 buildings

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to apply the

9 residential building energy standards to existing residential buildings

10 containing four or more rental residential units where tenants are required to

11 pay for heat.

12 An act relating to residential building energy standards for rental multi-unit
13 residential buildings

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

15 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 55 is added to read:

16 § 55. EXISTING APARTMENT BUILDINGS

17 (a) Definitions. In this subchapter, the following definitions apply:

18 (1) "Commercial building" means a commercial building as defined

19 under section 53 of this subchapter.

1 (2) “Existing apartment building” means an existing residential or
2 commercial building that contains four or more residential units as of the
3 effective date of this act.

4 (3) “Residential building” means a residential building as defined under
5 section 51 of this subchapter.

6 (4) “Residential unit” means a separately enclosed space within a
7 building that meets or is intended to meet the living needs of one or more
8 individuals.

9 (b) Building energy standards for existing apartment buildings. On or
10 before July 1, 2016, an existing apartment building that contains one or more
11 residential units for which the landlord requires a tenant to pay heating costs as
12 of the effective date of this section shall comply with the applicable building
13 energy standards adopted under this subchapter. For an existing apartment
14 building containing one or more residential units for which the landlord
15 requires a tenant to pay heating costs at a time subsequent to the effective date
16 of this section, the building shall comply with the applicable building energy
17 standards adopted under this subchapter that are in effect at the time the
18 landlord begins requiring the payment of those heating costs.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.