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Act No. 42 (H.411). Commerce and trade; energy; public service

An act relating to miscellaneous energy issues

This act concerns two topics related to energy.

First, the act adopts federal appliance and lighting efficiency standards in effect on January 19, 2017 so that the same standards will be in place in Vermont should the federal standards be repealed or voided. The act also adopts federal standards for general service lighting that have been adopted by the U.S. Department of Energy and are scheduled to come into effect on January 20, 2020, again so that the same standards will be in place in Vermont. The act does not adopt standards for other products or standards for a product that are different from the federal standards.

Second, the act authorizes the Public Service Board, commencing 10 years from the date on which an existing net metering system was installed, to apply to the system the same rules governing bill credits and the use of those credits on the customer's bill that it applies to net metering systems for which applications were filed on or after January 1, 2017, other than any adjustments related to siting and tradeable renewable energy credits. "Existing net metering system" is defined as a net metering system for which a complete application was filed before January 1, 2017.

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