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2 Introduced by Representatives McCormack of Burlington, Colburn of

3 Burlington, and Sullivan of Burlington

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Energy; commerce; electric efficiency; retail establishments;

7 air-conditioning and heating

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

11 An act relating to the efficient operation of air conditioners and heating
12 systems at retail establishments

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

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

15 CHAPTER 86. EFFICIENT OPERATION OF AIR-CONDITIONING AND

16 HEATING SYSTEMS AT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

17 § 3221. EFFICIENT OPERATION OF AIR-CONDITIONING AND

18 HEATING SYSTEMS

19 A person shall not prop or keep open any exterior door of a restaurant or

20 retail establishment while a heating system, air conditioner, or central heating

1 or cooling system that cools or heats the area adjacent to that door is operating.

2 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply when an emergency situation

3 exists that requires an exterior door to remain open.

4 § 3222. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

5 (a) The Attorney General or a State's Attorney may institute proceedings to

6 enjoin or to assess a penalty on the owner or lessee of a restaurant or retail

7 establishment found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

8 (b) The owner or lessee of any retail establishment or restaurant who

9 willfully violates the provisions of this chapter may be subject to a civil

10 penalty of not more than \$50.00 for every day that the violation continues.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on passage.