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H.558

Introduced by Representative Sullivan of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public service; energy; energy efficiency charge

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to display the economic benefits of the energy efficiency charge on the bill.

An act relating to the economic benefits of the energy efficiency charge

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

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 209 is amended to read:

§ 209. JURISDICTION; GENERAL SCOPE

(d) Energy efficiency.

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(3) Energy efficiency charge; regulated fuels. In addition to its existing authority, the Commission may establish by order or rule a volumetric charge to customers for the support of energy efficiency programs that meet the requirements of section 218c of this title, with due consideration to the State's energy policy under section 202a of this title and to its energy and economic policy interests under section 218e of this title to maintain and enhance the State's economic vitality. The charge shall be known as the energy efficiency

1 charge, shall be shown separately on each customer's bill along with the dollar
2 value of the total resource benefits of the charge shown, and shall be paid to a
3 fund administrator appointed by the Commission and deposited into the
4 Electric Efficiency Fund. A used in this subdivision, "total resource benefit"
5 means the present value of lifetime economic benefits resulting from resource
6 saving measures, including avoided costs of electricity and fossil fuels. When
7 such a charge is shown, notice as to how to obtain information about energy
8 efficiency programs approved under this section shall be provided in a manner
9 directed by the Commission. This notice shall include, at a minimum, a toll-
10 free telephone number, and to the extent feasible shall be on the customer's bill
11 and near the energy efficiency charge.

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13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2019.