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Introduced by Representatives Sullivan of Burlington, Cina of Burlington,
Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Waitsfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury,
Hashim of Dummerston, Killacky of South Burlington, Lanpher
of Vergennes, Townsend of South Burlington, White of
Hartford, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

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

1 requirements of section 218c of this title, with due consideration to the State's
2 energy policy under section 202a of this title and to its energy and economic
3 policy interests under section 218e of this title to maintain and enhance the
4 State's economic vitality. The charge shall be known as the energy efficiency
5 charge, shall be shown separately on each customer's bill along with the dollar
6 value of the total resource benefits of the charge shown, and shall be paid to a
7 fund administrator appointed by the Commission and deposited into the
8 Electric Efficiency Fund. A used in this subdivision, "total resource benefit"
9 means the present value of lifetime economic benefits resulting from resource
10 saving measures, including avoided costs of electricity, fossil fuels, and water.
11 When such a charge is shown, notice as to how to obtain information about
12 energy efficiency programs approved under this section shall be provided in a
13 manner directed by the Commission. This notice shall include, at a minimum,
14 a toll-free telephone number, and to the extent feasible shall be on the
15 customer's bill and near the energy efficiency charge.

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17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.