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Introduced by Representatives Troiano of Stannard and Sullivan of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public service; energy; weatherization

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the amount of funding for the Home Weatherization Assistance Program and extend the fuel tax that funds it.

An act relating to the Home Weatherization Assistance Program

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

~~Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 2503 is amended to read:~~

~~§ 2503. FUEL TAX~~

~~(a)(1) There is imposed a tax on the retail sale of heating oil, propane, kerosene, and other dyed diesel fuel delivered to a residence or business, at the rate of ~~\$0.02~~ \$0.04 per gallon.~~

~~(2) There is imposed a gross receipts tax of ~~0.75~~ 1.5 percent on the retail sale of natural gas and coal.~~

~~(3) There is imposed a gross receipts tax of 0.5 percent on the retail sale of electricity.~~

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~~(d) No tax under this section shall be imposed for any month ending after
June 30, 2019 2023.~~

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.~~

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(2) There is imposed a gross receipts tax of ~~0.75~~ 1.0 percent on the retail sale of natural gas and 1.5 percent on the retail sale of coal.

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Sec. 2. FUEL TAX; RATE SETTING

A company subject to 30 V.S.A. § 218 shall be entitled to recovery of an increase in the fuel tax in 33 V.S.A. § 2503(a)(2), in Sec. 1 of this act, from the effective date of that increase. The manner of recovery shall be approved by

the Vermont Public Utility Commission pursuant to its authority in 30 V.S.A.

§ 218.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.