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S.277

Introduced by Senators Perchlik and Bray

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; fossil fuels; reporting requirements

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that persons who sell heating fuel register with the Department of Public Service.

An act relating to heating fuel and the Department of Public Service

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

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4111 is amended to read:

§ 4111. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Public Service or the Commissioner’s designee.

(2) ~~“Petroleum product” means propane, gasoline, unleaded gasoline, kerosene, number two heating oil, diesel fuel, kerosene base jet fuel, and number four, five, and six residual oil for utility and nonutility uses.~~ “Heating fuel” means a fossil or renewable fuel that is used for heating a building, including a residence, business, or commercial or industrial building or

1 structure. For purposes of this chapter, electricity shall not be considered a
2 heating fuel.

3 ~~(3) “Primary storage facility” or “facility” means any facility or terminal~~
4 ~~with a capacity of 50,000 gallons or more which receives petroleum products~~
5 ~~by ship, barge, pipeline, truck, or rail, for holding within the State.~~

6 Sec. 2. 9 V.S.A. § 4112 is amended to read:

7 § 4112. DUTY OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

8 (a) Any person selling heating fuel within the State shall register with the
9 Commissioner and shall file a report with the Commissioner as to sales of each
10 different type of heating fuel, total dollar amount sold, and location of fuel sold
11 by county. The report shall be filed with the Commissioner on or before April
12 1, 2021 and on or before each April 1 thereafter and shall cover the prior
13 calendar year.

14 (b) The Commissioner shall collect and keep on file any data required
15 under this chapter from persons owning or leasing primary storage facilities.

16 Sec. 3. 9 V.S.A. § 4113 is amended to read:

17 § 4113. INVENTORY REPORTING; CONFIDENTIALITY

18 ~~(a) The Commissioner may adopt rules that require any person owning or~~
19 ~~leasing primary storage facilities within the State to report to the~~
20 ~~Commissioner data concerning storage, inventory, and product receipts to~~

1 implement this chapter and shall create and maintain electronic or online forms
2 and databases for the reporting and storage of data pursuant to this chapter.

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4 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020, except that Secs. 2 and 3 shall
6 take effect on January 1, 2021.