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**Act No. 121 (H.523). Conservation and development; air pollution;
hydrofluorocarbons**

An act relating to reducing hydrofluorocarbon emissions

This act amends the existing statute that regulates the phase down of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which creates deadlines by which new products containing banned HFCs are prohibited from being sold in Vermont. This bill adds two new prohibitions to it. First, beginning on July 1, 2022, ice skating rink refrigeration systems cannot use banned HFCs. Next, beginning on January 1, 2023, containers designed for consumer recharge of motor vehicle air conditioners that use substitutes prohibited under 10 V.S.A. § 586 may not be sold.

It also directs the Secretary of Administration to update Administrative Bulletin 3.5 to clarify that State procurement contracts shall not include products that contain hydrofluorocarbons, as prohibited in this section.

It adds language stating that no person shall repair motor vehicle air conditioning without the use of equipment for the extraction and reclamation of hydrofluorocarbons from the air conditioners.

It amends the statute on building codes to add language that says that no rule or other requirement may prohibit refrigerants that have been approved by the EPA under the federal Clean Air Act.

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