

No. 121. An act relating to reducing hydrofluorocarbon emissions.

(H.523)

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 586 is amended to read:

§ 586. REGULATION OF HYDROFLUOROCARBONS

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(b)(1) A person may not offer any product or equipment for sale, lease, or rent, or install or otherwise cause any equipment or product to enter into commerce in Vermont if that equipment or product consists of, uses, or will use a substitute, as set forth in Appendix U or V, Subpart G of 40 C.F.R. Part 82, as those read on January 3, 2017, for the applications or end uses restricted by Appendix U or V, as those read on January 3, 2017, and consistent with the dates established in subdivision (b)(4) of this section.

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(4) The restrictions under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall take effect beginning:

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(E) January 1, 2024, for centrifugal chillers and positive displacement chillers; ~~and~~

(F) January 1, 2020, or the effective date of the restrictions identified in appendix U or V, Subpart G of 40 C.F.R. Part 82, as those read on January 3, 2017, whichever comes later, for all other applications and end uses

for substitutes not covered by the categories listed in subdivisions (A) through (E) of this subsection (b);

(G) July 1, 2022, for refrigeration systems used in ice skating rinks;

and

(H) January 1, 2023, for containers designed for consumer recharge of motor vehicle air conditioners that use substitutes prohibited under this section.

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(e) The Secretary of Administration shall include in Administrative Bulletin 3.5 a requirement that State procurement contracts shall not include products that contain hydrofluorocarbons, as prohibited in this section.

Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 573 is amended to read:

§ 573. MOTOR VEHICLE AIR CONDITIONING

(a) ~~After January 1, 1991, no~~ No person, ~~for compensation,~~ may perform service on motor vehicle air conditioners, unless that person uses equipment that is certified by the Underwriters Laboratories, or an institution determined by the Secretary to be comparable, as meeting the Society of Automotive Engineers standard applicable to equipment for the extraction and reclamation of refrigerant or a substitute prohibited under section 586 of this title from motor vehicle air conditioners.

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Sec. 3. 20 V.S.A. § 2731 is amended to read:

§ 2731. RULES; INSPECTIONS; VARIANCES

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(m) Refrigerants. No rule adopted under this section or any other requirement of this title shall prohibit or otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant designated as acceptable for use pursuant to and in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 7671k or 10 V.S.A. § 586, provided any equipment containing such refrigerant is listed and installed in accordance with safety standards and use conditions imposed pursuant to such designation.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

Date on which Governor allowed bill to become law without his signature:

May 19, 2022