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[ORIGINAL PROPOSAL]

[PROPOSED MODIFICATION]

***** Space Heating Systems *****

Sec. 28d. FISCAL YEAR 2023; AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION;
SPACE HEATING SYSTEMS; NON-FOSSIL FUELS;
REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE; BACKUP HEATING

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Fossil fuel space heating system” is any space heating system that is not a non-fossil fuel space heating system.

(2) “Non-fossil fuel space heating system” means a space heating system that is not designed to utilize fossil fuels or that exclusively utilizes renewable liquid fuel.

(b) Replacement system. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2023, the Agency of Transportation shall only install non-fossil fuel space heating systems as the primary heating source in buildings owned or controlled by the Agency.

(c) Exemption. The Secretary may provide a written exemption to the replacement required in subsection (b) of this section if the Secretary determines that it is financially impracticable to install a non-fossil fuel space heating system as a primary heating source.

(d) Backup systems. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, after a

1 non-fossil fuel space heating system is installed as a primary heating source, if
2 a non-fossil fuel backup space heating system is not available, the Agency may
3 continue to use fossil fuel space heating systems as back-up heating or as
4 supplemental heating during peak heating periods in buildings owned or
5 controlled by the Agency.

6 (e) Report. On or before January 15 each year, the Secretary shall submit a
7 report to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation with the basis of
8 each exemption provided pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and any
9 fossil fuel space heating systems installed, in the previous calendar year. The
10 provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply
11 to the report to be made under this subsection.