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2	Introduced by Committee on Natural Resources and Energy	
3	Date:	
4	Subject: Public service; energy; fuel; Clean Heat Standard	
5	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make multiple	
6	miscellaneous changes to the Clean Heat Standard.	
7	An act relating to changes to the Clean Heat Standard	
8	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:	
9	Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8124 is amended to read:	
10	§ 8124. CLEAN HEAT STANDARD COMPLIANCE	
11	* * *	
12	(b) Annual registration.	
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14	(4) The Commission shall maintain, and update annually, a list of	
15	registered entities on its website that contains the required registration	
16	information.	
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18	Sec. 2. 30 V.S.A. § 8125 is amended to read:	
19	§ 8125. DEFAULT DELIVERY AGENT	
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1	(b) Appointment. The default delivery agent shall be one or more
2	statewide entities capable of providing a variety of clean heat measures. The
3	Commission shall designate the first default delivery agent on or before June 1,
4	2024 within 180 days following the General Assembly's authorization of the
5	adoption of the Clean Heat Standard rule. The designation of an entity under
6	this subsection may be by order of appointment or contract. A designation,
7	whether by order of appointment or by contract, may only be issued after
8	notice and opportunity for hearing. An existing order of appointment issued by
9	the Commission under section 209 of this title may be amended to include the
10	responsibilities of the default delivery agent. An order of appointment shall be
11	for a limited duration not to exceed 12 years, although an entity may be
12	reappointed by order or contract. An order of appointment may include any
13	conditions and requirements that the Commission deems appropriate to
14	promote the public good. For good cause, after notice and opportunity for
15	hearing, the Commission may amend or revoke an order of appointment.
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17	Sec. 3. 30 V.S.A. § 8126 is amended to read:
18	§ 8126. RULEMAKING
19	(a) The Commission shall adopt rules and may issue orders to implement

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and enforce the Clean Heat Standard program.

1	(c) The Commission's rules may include a provision that allows the
2	Commission to revise its Clean Heat Standard rules by order of the
3	Commission without the revisions being subject to the rulemaking
4	requirements of the 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, provided the Commission:
5	(1) provides notice of any proposed changes;
6	(2) allows for a 30-day comment period;
7	(3) responds to all comments received on the proposed change;
8	(4) provides a notice of language assistance services on all public
9	outreach materials; and
10	(5) arranges for language assistance to be provided to members of the
11	public as requested using professional language services companies.
12	(d) Any order issued under this chapter subsection (c) of this section shall
13	be subject to appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court under section 12 of this
14	title, and the Commission must immediately file any orders, a redline, and
15	clean version of the revised rules with the Secretary of State, with notice
16	simultaneously provided to the House Committee on Environment and Energy
17	and the Senate Committees on Finance and on Natural Resources and Energy.
18	Sec. 4. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 18, Sec. 6 is amended to read:
19	Sec. 6. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION IMPLEMENTATION
20	* * *
21	(f) Final rules.

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2	(5) The final proposed rules shall contain the first set of annual required	
3	amounts for obligated parties as described in 30 V.S.A. § 8124(a)(1)(2). The	
4	first set of annual required amounts shall only be adopted through the	
5	rulemaking process established in this section, not through an order.	
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7	Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 3102 is amended to read:	
8	§ 3102. CONFIDENTIALITY OF TAX RECORDS	
9	* * *	
10	(d) The Commissioner shall disclose a return or return information:	
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12	(7) to the Joint Fiscal Office pursuant to subsection 10503(e) of this title	
13	and subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that subsection; and	
14	(8) to the Attorney General; the Data Clearinghouse established in the	
15	October 2017 Non-Participating Manufacturer Adjustment Settlement	
16	Agreement, which the State of Vermont joined in 2018; the National	
17	Association of Attorneys General; and counsel for the parties to the Agreement	
18	as required by the Agreement and to the extent necessary to comply with the	
19	Agreement and only as long as the State is a party to the Agreement: and	
20	(9) to the Public Utility Commission and the Department of Public	
21	Service, provided the disclosure relates to the sale of heating fuel into or in the	

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- State for auditing compliance with the Clean Heat Standard established in 30
- 2 <u>V.S.A. chapter 94</u>.
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- 4 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.