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S.306

Introduced by Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

Date:

Subject: Public service; energy; fuel; Clean Heat Standard

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make multiple
miscellaneous changes to the Clean Heat Standard.

An act relating to changes to the Clean Heat Standard

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

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8124 is amended to read:

§ 8124. CLEAN HEAT STANDARD COMPLIANCE

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(b) Annual registration.

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(4) The Commission shall maintain, and update annually, a list of
registered entities on its website ~~that contains the required registration~~
~~information.~~

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Sec. 2. 30 V.S.A. § 8125 is amended to read:

§ 8125. DEFAULT DELIVERY AGENT

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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

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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

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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

1 State for auditing compliance with the Clean Heat Standard established in 30

2 V.S.A. chapter 94.

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4 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.