

1 *[potential addition to H.868 – from S. 59]*

2 * * * Heating Systems; Replacement * * *

3 Sec. . AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION; HEATING SYSTEMS;

4 COOKING APPLIANCES; NON-FOSSIL FUELS; REPLACEMENT

5 SCHEDULE; BACKUP HEATING **[to take effect on passage]**

6 *[should this be codified?]*

7 (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

8 (1) “Fossil fuel cooking appliance” means any cooking appliance that is
9 used as a major cooking appliance to cook or heat different types of food that
10 is not a non-fossil fuel cooking appliance.

11 (2) “Fossil fuel heating system” means any space heating system or hot
12 water heating system that is not a non-fossil fuel space heating system.

13 (3) “Non-fossil fuel cooking appliance” means any cooking appliance
14 that is used as a major cooking appliance to cook or heat different types of
15 food that is not designed to utilize fossil fuels.

16 (4) “Non-fossil fuel heating system” means a space heating system or a
17 hot water heating system that is not designed to utilize fossil fuels or that
18 exclusively utilizes renewable liquid fuel.

19 (b) Replacement system. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this
20 section, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Agency of Transportation shall only:

21 (1) install non-fossil fuel heating systems as the primary heating source

1 for space or water in buildings owned or controlled by the Agency; and

2 (2) install non-fossil fuel cooking appliances in buildings owned or
3 controlled by the Agency.

4 (c) Exemption. The Secretary of Transportation may provide a written
5 exemption to the replacements required in subsection (b) of this section if the
6 Secretary determines that it is financially impracticable to install a non-fossil
7 fuel heating system as a primary heating source or install a non-fossil fuel
8 cooking appliance.

9 (d) Backup systems. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, after a
10 non-fossil fuel space heating system is installed as a primary heating source, if
11 a non-fossil fuel backup space heating system is not available, the Agency may
12 continue to use fossil fuel space heating systems as backup heating or as
13 supplemental heating during peak heating periods in buildings owned or
14 controlled by the Agency.

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

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