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Introduced by Representatives Higley of Lowell, Bailey of Hyde Park, Burditt of West Rutland, Burt of Cabot, Casey of Hubbardton, Coffin of Cavendish, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Feltus of Lyndon, Howland of Rutland Town, Keyser of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan, Luneau of St. Albans City, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Powers of Waterford, Quimby of Lyndon, Southworth of Walden, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, and Toof of St. Albans Town

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; air pollution; climate change;

Vermont Climate Council

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the State's greenhouse gas reduction requirements to goals and repeal the Vermont Climate Council.

An act relating to repealing the Global Warming Solutions Act

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

2 Sec. 1. REPEAL

3 10 V.S.A. chapter 24 (Vermont Climate Council and Climate Action Plan)
4 is repealed.

5 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 578 is amended to read:

6 § 578. GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION ~~REQUIREMENTS~~ GOALS

7 (a) Greenhouse gas reduction ~~requirements~~ goals. It is the goal of Vermont
8 ~~shall~~ to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases from within the geographical
9 boundaries of the State and those emissions outside the boundaries of the State
10 that are caused by the use of energy in Vermont, as measured and inventoried
11 pursuant to section 582 of this title, by:

12 * * *

13 (c) Implementation of State programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
14 In order to facilitate the State's compliance with the goals established in this
15 section, all State agencies shall consider, whenever practicable, any increase or
16 decrease in greenhouse gas emissions in their decision-making procedures with
17 respect to the purchase and use of equipment and goods; the siting,
18 construction, and maintenance of buildings; the assignment of personnel; and
19 the planning, design, and operation of programs, services, and infrastructure.

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1 Sec. 5. RULE REPEAL

2 Department of Environmental Conservation, Chapter 40: Vermont Low
3 Emission Vehicle and Zero Emission Vehicle Rules (CVR 12-30-40) is
4 repealed.

5 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.