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2	Introduced by Representatives Higley of Lowell, Bailey of Hyde Park, Burditt
3	of West Rutland, Burtt of Cabot, Casey of Hubbardton, Coffin
4	of Cavendish, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans
5	Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Feltus of Lyndon, Howland
6	of Rutland Town, Keyser of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan,
7	Luneau of St. Albans City, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, L.
8	of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington,
9	Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, Oliver of Sheldon, Page
10	of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Powers of Waterford,
11	Quimby of Lyndon, Southworth of Walden, Tagliavia of
12	Corinth, Taylor of Milton, and Toof of St. Albans Town
13	Referred to Committee on
14	Date:
15	Subject: Conservation and development; air pollution; climate change;
16	Vermont Climate Council
17	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the
18	State's greenhouse gas reduction requirements to goals and repeal the Vermont

An act relating to repealing the Global Warming Solutions Act

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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4	is repealed.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. 3. 30 V.S.A. § 202a is amended to read:
2	§ 202a. STATE ENERGY POLICY
3	It is the general policy of the State of Vermont:
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5	(3) To meet Vermont's energy service needs in a manner that will
6	achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reductions requirements goals pursuant
7	to 10 V.S.A § 578 and is consistent with the Vermont Climate Action Plan
8	adopted and updated pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 592.
9	Sec. 4. 30 V.S.A. § 202b is amended to read:
10	§ 202b. STATE COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN
11	(a) The Department of Public Service, in conjunction with other State
12	agencies designated by the Governor, shall prepare a State Comprehensive
13	Energy Plan covering at least a 20-year period. The Plan shall seek to
14	implement the State energy policy set forth in section 202a of this title,
15	including meeting the State's greenhouse gas emissions reductions
16	requirements goals pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 578, and shall be consistent with
17	the relevant goals of 24 V.S.A. § 4302 and with the Vermont Climate Action
18	Plan adopted and updated pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 592. The State
19	Comprehensive Energy Plan shall include:
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- 1 Sec. 5. RULE REPEAL
- 2 <u>Department of Environmental Conservation, Chapter 40: Vermont Low</u>
- 3 Emission Vehicle and Zero Emission Vehicle Rules (CVR 12-30-40) is
- 4 <u>repealed.</u>
- 5 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.