Senate proposal of amendment

H. 740

An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory and registry.

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1 10 V.S.A. § 582 is amended to read:

§ 582. GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES; REGISTRY

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(e) Rules.

(1) The Secretary may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section and shall review existing and proposed international, federal, and State greenhouse gas emission reporting programs and make reasonable efforts to promote consistency among the programs established pursuant to this section and other programs, and to streamline reporting requirements on greenhouse gas emission sources. Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, nothing in this section shall limit a State agency from adopting any rule within its authority.

(2) The Secretary has authority to adopt rules that create a comprehensive greenhouse gas emission reporting program that covers all sources of emissions, including fuel suppliers. Suppliers of transportation and heating fuels covered by the rules shall comply with requests from the Secretary for information. The Secretary shall adopt a rule that at a minimum includes the types and volume of fossil fuels sold by sector for the transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors and by zip code, municipality, or the smallest geographic level practicable that also protects the individual identities of consumers.

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Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

On or before July 1, 2027, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall adopt final rules for greenhouse gas emission reporting as required under 10 V.S.A. § 582(e)(2).

Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION

In addition to other funds appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources, in fiscal year 2027, the sum of $300,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Natural Resources to be used to draft the greenhouse gas emission reporting rules and to develop a greenhouse gas emission source database.

Sec. 4. REPEAL

30 V.S.A. chapter 94 (Clean Heat Standard) is repealed.

Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 3102 is amended to read:

§ 3102. CONFIDENTIALITY OF TAX RECORDS

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(e) The Commissioner may, in the Commissioner's discretion and subject to such conditions and requirements as the Commissioner may provide, including any confidentiality requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, disclose a return or return information:

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(23) ~~To the Public Utility Commission and the Department of Public Service, provided the disclosure relates to the fuel tax under 33 V.S.A. chapter 25 and is used for the purposes of auditing compliance with the Clean Heat Standard under 30 V.S.A. chapter 94. The Commissioner shall, at a minimum, provide the names of any new businesses selling heating fuel in any given year and the names of any businesses that are no longer selling heating fuel.~~ [Repealed.]

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Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.