

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont: Sec. 1. SHORT TITLE
This act may be cited as “Amendments to the Climate Superfund Act.”

Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. chapter 24A is amended to read:

§ 599c. STATE TREASURER REPORT ON THE COST TO VERMONT OF COVERED GREEN
HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS is amended to read:

On or before January 15, ~~2027~~~~2026~~, the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Interagency Advisory Board to the Climate Action Office, and with any other person or entity whom the State Treasurer decides to consult for the purpose of obtaining and utilizing credible data or methodologies that the State Treasurer determines may aid the State Treasurer in making the assessments and estimates required by this section, shall submit to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Finance, on Agriculture, and on Natural Resources and Energy and the House Committees on Appropriations; on Ways and Means; on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry; and on Environment and Energy an assessment of the cost to the State of Vermont and its residents of the emission of covered greenhouse gases for the period that began on January 1, 1995 and ended on December 31, 2024. The assessment shall include:

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Sec. 3 IMPLEMENTATION is amended to read:

~~(a) On or before July 1, 2025, the Agency of Natural Resources pursuant to V.S.A. § 837 shall file with the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules the proposed rule for the adoption of the Resilience Implementation Strategy required pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 599a(b)(3). On or before January 1, 2026, the Agency of Natural Resources shall adopt the final rule establishing the Resilience Implementation Strategy required pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 599a(b)(3).~~

(a) On or before July 1, ~~2027~~~~2026~~, the Agency of Natural Resources pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 837 shall file with the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules the proposed rules required pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 599a(b)(1) and (b)(2). On or before January 1, ~~2028~~~~2027~~, the Agency of Natural Resources shall adopt the final rule rules required pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 599a(b)(1) and (b)(2).

Sec. 4 APPROPRIATIONS

The sum of \$675,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Natural Resources in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of implementing the requirements of this act, of which a base sum of \$175,000 is appropriated for an attorney position created pursuant to Sec. 5 of this act; costs associated with providing administrative, technical and legal support in carrying out the requirements of this act and the Program; hiring consultants and experts; and for other necessary costs and expenses.

The sum of \$825,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of the State Treasurer in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of implementing the requirements of this act, of which a base sum of \$125,000 is appropriated for a three year limited service position created pursuant to Sec. 6 of this act; consultants or third-party services to assist in the completion of the assessment required by 10 V.S.A. § 599c of the cost to the State of Vermont and its residents of the emission of covered greenhouse gases; and for other necessary costs and expenses.

Sec. 5 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; POSITION

One exempt attorney position is created in the Agency of Natural Resources for the purpose of implementing this act.

Sec. 6 OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER; LIMITED-SERVICE POSITION

One limited-service position, lasting no more than three years, is created in the Office of the State Treasurer for the purpose of implementing this Act.