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An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory and registry

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

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

1 transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors and by zip code,
2 municipality, or the smallest geographic level practicable.

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4 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

5 Contingent upon an appropriation of funds in fiscal year 2027, for this
6 purpose, on or before July 1, 2027, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall
7 adopt final rules for greenhouse gas reporting as required under 10 V.S.A.
8 § 582(e)(2). The duty to create a database for the reporting of data is also
9 contingent upon an appropriation of funds.

10 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.