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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1505, L.D. 2112, Bill, "An Act To Limit the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons To Fight Climate Change"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1612 is enacted to read:

§1612. Hydrofluorocarbon use restrictions

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Aerosol propellant" means a compressed gas or vapor contained in a container that, upon release of pressure and expansion through a valve, carries another substance from the container as a mist or spray.

B. "Air conditioning equipment" means chillers designed for the comfort cooling of occupied spaces.

C. "Built-in household refrigerator or freezer" means a refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer or freezer designed for residential use that:

(1) Has 7.75 cubic feet or greater total volume and 24 inches or less depth not including doors, handles and custom front panels;

(2) Has sides that are not finished and are not designed to be visible after installation;

(3) Is designed, intended and marketed exclusively to be installed completely encased by cabinetry or panels that are attached during installation and securely fastened to adjacent cabinetry, walls or floor; and

(4) Is equipped with an integral factory-finished face or that accepts a custom front panel.

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- 1 D. "Capital cost" means an expense incurred in the production of goods or in the
2 rendering of services, including, but not limited to, the cost of engineering; the cost of
3 the purchase and installation of components or systems and instrumentation; and
4 contractor and construction fees.
- 5 E. "Centrifugal chiller" means air conditioning equipment that uses a centrifugal
6 compressor in a vapor-compression refrigeration cycle and is designed for comfort
7 cooling. "Centrifugal chiller" does not include air conditioning equipment used for
8 industrial process cooling and refrigeration.
- 9 F. "Cold storage warehouse" means a cooled facility designed to store meat, produce,
10 dairy products and other products prior to the delivery of those products to other
11 locations for sale to the ultimate consumer.
- 12 G. "Compact household refrigerator or freezer" means a refrigerator, refrigerator-
13 freezer or freezer designed for residential use that has a total refrigerated volume of
14 less than 7.75 cubic feet.
- 15 H. "Component" means a part of a refrigeration system, including, but not limited to,
16 a condensing unit, compressor, condenser, evaporator or receiver and all of the
17 refrigeration system's connections and subassemblies without which the refrigeration
18 system would not properly function or would be subject to failure.
- 19 I. "End use" means a process or class of specific applications within an industry
20 sector.
- 21 J. "Flexible polyurethane" means a nonrigid synthetic foam containing polymers of
22 urethane radicals, including, but not limited to, foam used in furniture, bedding, chair
23 cushions and shoe soles.
- 24 K. "Foam-blowing agent" or "foam" means a product or substance used to produce a
25 product with a cellular structure formed via a foaming process, including materials
26 that undergo hardening or phase transition, such as polymers and plastics.
- 27 L. "Heat pump" means a device designed for the comfort heating or cooling of
28 residential or commercial spaces, whether air sourced, water sourced or ground
29 sourced, including, but not limited to, a mini-split heat pump.
- 30 M. "Household refrigerator or freezer" means a refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer,
31 freezer or miscellaneous residential refrigeration appliance that is designed for
32 residential use. "Household refrigerator or freezer" does not include a compact
33 household refrigerator or freezer or a built-in household refrigerator or freezer.
- 34 N. "Integral skin polyurethane" means a synthetic self-skinning foam containing
35 polymers of urethane radicals, including, but not limited to, foam used in shoe soles
36 and automobile steering wheels and dashboards.
- 37 O. "Light duty vehicle" has the same meaning as "car" or "light duty truck," as
38 defined in Title 5, section 1812-E.
- 39 P. "Metered dose inhaler" means a device that delivers a measured amount of
40 medication as a mist that an individual can inhale and that consists of a pressurized
41 canister of medication in a case with a mouthpiece.

1 Q. "Miscellaneous residential refrigeration appliance" means a residential
2 refrigeration appliance that is smaller than a refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer or
3 freezer and that is designed for residential use, including, but not limited to, a cooler,
4 a cooler compartment and a combination cooler-refrigeration or cooler-freezer
5 product.

6 R. "New" means, with regard to a product or equipment:

7 (1) A product or equipment that is manufactured after the date of an applicable
8 prohibition under subsection 2; or

9 (2) Equipment that is substantially modified after the date of an applicable
10 prohibition under subsection 2 such that the capital cost of the modification
11 exceeds 50% of the cost of replacing the entire system of which that equipment is
12 a part of.

13 S. "Phenolic insulation board" means phenolic insulation, including, but not limited
14 to, insulation used for roofing and walls.

15 T. "Phenolic insulation bunstock" means phenolic insulation that is a large solid box-
16 like structure formed during the production of polystyrene insulation and that can be
17 cut into specific custom lengths and shapes.

18 U. "Polyolefin" means foam sheets and tubes made of polyolefin.

19 V. "Polystyrene extruded boardstock and billet" means a foam formed from styrene
20 polymers that is produced on extruding machines in the form of continuous foam
21 slabs that can be cut and shaped into panels to be used for insulation of roofing,
22 walls, flooring and pipes.

23 W. "Polystyrene extruded sheet" means polystyrene foam including foam used for
24 packaging and buoyancy or flotation, including, but not limited to, foam made into
25 food-service items, such as hinged polystyrene containers, food trays, plates, bowls
26 and retail egg containers.

27 X. "Positive displacement chiller" means a vapor compression cycle chiller that uses
28 a positive displacement compressor and is typically used for commercial comfort air
29 conditioning. "Positive displacement chiller" does not include a chiller used for
30 industrial process cooling and refrigeration.

31 Y. "Refrigerant gas" or "refrigerant" means a substance, including blends and
32 mixtures of substances, that is used for heat transfer purposes.

33 Z. "Refrigerated food processing and dispensing equipment" means retail food
34 refrigeration equipment that is designed to process and dispense food and beverages
35 that are intended for immediate or near-immediate consumption, including, but not
36 limited to, chilled and frozen beverages, ice cream and whipped cream. "Refrigerated
37 food processing and dispensing equipment" does not include water coolers or units
38 designed to exclusively cool and dispense water.

39 AA. "Refrigeration equipment" means a stationary device that is designed to contain
40 and use refrigerant gas to establish or maintain colder than ambient temperatures in a
41 confined space, including, but not limited to, retail food refrigeration equipment, a
42 household refrigerator or freezer and a cold storage warehouse.

1 BB. "Remote condensing unit" means retail food refrigeration equipment that has a
2 central condensing portion and may consist of one or more compressors, condensers
3 or receivers assembled into a single unit, which may be located outside a retail sales
4 area, including, but not limited to, such units that are commonly installed in
5 convenience stores, specialty shops such as bakeries or butcher shops, supermarkets,
6 restaurants and other locations where food is stored, served or sold.

7 CC. "Residential use" means use by an individual of a substance, or a product
8 containing a substance, in or around a permanent or temporary household, during
9 recreation or for any personal use or enjoyment. "Residential use" does not include
10 use within a household for commercial or medical applications or use in automobiles,
11 watercraft or aircraft.

12 DD. "Retail food refrigeration equipment" means equipment designed to store and
13 display chilled or frozen goods for commercial sale, including, but not limited to,
14 stand-alone units, refrigerated food processing and dispensing equipment, remote
15 condensing units, supermarket systems and vending machines.

16 EE. "Retrofit" means to replace the refrigerant contained in refrigeration equipment
17 with a different refrigerant, including, but not limited to any related modifications to
18 the refrigeration equipment required to maintain its operation and reliability
19 following refrigerant replacement.

20 FF. "Rigid polyurethane and polyisocyanurate laminated boardstock" means
21 laminated board insulation made with polyurethane or polyisocyanurate foam,
22 including insulation for roofing and walls.

23 GG. "Rigid polyurethane appliance foam" means polyurethane insulation foam used
24 in domestic appliances.

25 HH. "Rigid polyurethane high-pressure 2-component spray foam" means a foam
26 product that is:

- 27 (1) Pressurized to 800 to 1,600 pounds per square inch during manufacture;
28 (2) Sold in pressurized containers as 2 parts; and
29 (3) Blown and applied in situ using high-pressure pumps to propel the foam,
30 regardless of whether such application involves the use of liquid blowing agents
31 without an additional propellant.

32 II. "Rigid polyurethane in commercial refrigeration" means polyurethane insulation
33 for pipes, walls and metal doors in retail food refrigeration equipment.

34 JJ. "Rigid polyurethane low-pressure 2-component spray foam" means a foam
35 product that is:

- 36 (1) Pressurized to less than 250 pounds per square inch during manufacture;
37 (2) Sold in pressurized containers as 2 parts; and
38 (3) Typically applied in situ using a gaseous foam-blowing agent as a propellant
39 without the use of pumps.

1 KK. "Rigid polyurethane marine flotation foam" means buoyancy or flotation foam
2 used in boat and ship manufacturing for both structural and flotation purposes.

3 LL. "Rigid polyurethane one-component foam sealant" means a foam packaged in
4 aerosol cans that is applied in situ using a gaseous foam-blowing agent that is also the
5 propellant.

6 MM. "Rigid polyurethane sandwich panels" means polyurethane insulation
7 sandwiched between outer structural layers and used as insulation for walls and metal
8 doors, including garage doors.

9 NN. "Rigid polyurethane slabstock" means a rigid closed-cell foam containing
10 polymers of urethane radicals formed into slabstock insulation for panels and pipes.

11 OO. "Stand-alone low-temperature unit" means a stand-alone unit that maintains
12 food or beverages at temperatures at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

13 PP. "Stand-alone medium-temperature unit" means a stand-alone unit that maintains
14 food or beverages at temperatures above 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

15 QQ. "Stand-alone unit" means a retail refrigerator, freezer or reach-in cooler,
16 whether open or with doors, that has fully integrated refrigeration components and a
17 refrigeration circuit that may be completely brazed or welded and that is fully
18 charged with refrigerant during manufacture and typically requires only an electricity
19 supply to begin operation.

20 RR. "Substance" means any chemical or blend of chemicals intended for an end use.

21 SS. "Supermarket system" means a multiplex or centralized retail food refrigeration
22 equipment system that is designed to cool or refrigerate and that operates using racks
23 of compressors installed in a machinery room, including both a direct and an indirect
24 system.

25 TT. "Use" with regard to a use of a substance, includes, but is not limited to, use in a
26 manufacturing process or product in the State; consumption for an end use in the
27 State; and use in an intermediate application in the State, such as formulation or
28 packaging for other subsequent applications. "Use" does not include residential use
29 but does include manufacturing for the purpose of residential use.

30 UU. "Vending machine" means self-contained retail food refrigeration equipment
31 that dispenses goods that must be kept cold or frozen.

32 **2. Prohibitions.** Except as provided in subsection 3 and in accordance with rules
33 adopted by the department pursuant to this section, a person may not sell, lease, rent,
34 install or enter into commerce in the State any product or equipment that uses or will use
35 the following specified substances that are hydrofluorocarbons with high global warming
36 potential for the following specified air conditioning, refrigeration, foam or aerosol
37 propellant end uses.

38 A. Beginning July 1, 2021, or 180 days after the adoption of rules by the department
39 to implement this section, whichever is later:

- 1 (1) For aerosol propellants in new products, the following substances are
2 prohibited: HFC-125, HFC-134a, HFC-227ea and blends of HFC-227ea and
3 HFC-134a;
- 4 (2) For new compact household refrigerators or freezers, the following
5 substances are prohibited: FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, KDD6, R-
6 125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-
7 410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-424A,
8 R-426A, R-428A, R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS-24 (2002
9 formulation), RS-44 (2003 formulation), SP34E and THR-03;
- 10 (3) For retrofitted supermarket systems, the following substances are prohibited:
11 R-404A, R-407B, R-421B, R-422A, R-422C, R-422D, R-428A, R-434A and R-
12 507A;
- 13 (4) For new supermarket systems, the following substances are prohibited:
14 HFC-227ea, R-404A, R-407B, R-421B, R-422A, R-422C, R-422D, R-428A, R-
15 434A and R-507A;
- 16 (5) For retrofitted remote condensing units, the following substances are
17 prohibited: R-404A, R-407B, R-421B, R-422A, R-422C, R-422D, R-428A, R-
18 434A and R-507A;
- 19 (6) For new remote condensing units, the following substances are prohibited:
20 HFC-227ea, R-404A, R-407B, R-421B, R-422A, R-422C, R-422D, R-428A, R-
21 434A and R-507A;
- 22 (7) For retrofitted stand-alone units, the following substances are prohibited: R-
23 404A and R-507A;
- 24 (8) For new stand-alone medium-temperature units, the following substances are
25 prohibited: FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, HFC-227ea, KDD6, R-
26 125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407A, R-407B, R-407C, R-
27 407F, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B, R-422C,
28 R-422D, R-424A, R-426A, R-428A, R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS-24
29 (2002 formulation), RS-44 (2003 formulation), SP34E and THR-03;
- 30 (9) For new stand-alone low-temperature units, the following substances are
31 prohibited: HFC-227ea, KDD6, R-125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-
32 404A, R-407A, R-407B, R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-421A,
33 R-421B, R-422A, R-422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-424A, R-428A, R-434A, R-
34 437A, R-438A, R-507A and RS-44 (2003 formulation);
- 35 (10) For new refrigerated food processing and dispensing equipment, the
36 following substances are prohibited: HFC-227ea, KDD6, R-125/290/134a/600a
37 (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407A, R-407B, R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-
38 410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-424A,
39 R-428A, R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A and RS-44 (2003 formulation);
- 40 (11) For retrofitted vending machines, the following substances are prohibited:
41 R-404A and R-507A;

1 (12) For new rigid polyurethane and polyisocyanurate laminated boardstock, the
2 following substances are prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and
3 any blends of those substances;

4 (13) For new flexible polyurethane, the following substances are prohibited:
5 HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and any blends of those substances;

6 (14) For new integral skin polyurethane, the following substances are prohibited:
7 HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and any blends of those substances;
8 Formacel TI; and Formacel Z-6;

9 (15) For new polystyrene extruded sheet, the following substances are
10 prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and any blends of those
11 substances; Formacel TI; and Formacel Z-6;

12 (16) For new phenolic insulation board and new phenolic insulation bunstock,
13 the following substances are prohibited: HFC-143a, HFC-134a, HFC-245fa,
14 HFC-365mfc and any blends of those substances;

15 (17) For new rigid polyurethane slabstock and other new rigid polyurethane, the
16 following substances are prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and
17 any blends of those substances; Formacel TI; and Formacel Z-6;

18 (18) For new rigid polyurethane appliance foam, the following substances are
19 prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and any blends of those
20 substances; Formacel TI; and Formacel Z-6;

21 (19) For new rigid polyurethane in commercial refrigeration and new rigid
22 polyurethane sandwich panels, the following substances are prohibited: HFC-
23 134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and any blends of those substances; Formacel
24 TI; and Formacel Z-6;

25 (20) For new polyolefin, the following substances are prohibited: HFC-134a,
26 HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and any blends of those substances; Formacel TI; and
27 Formacel Z-6; and

28 (21) For new rigid polyurethane one-component foam sealants, the following
29 substances are prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa and any blends of those
30 substances; blends of HFC-365mfc with at least 4% HFC-245fa; commercial
31 blends of HFC-365mfc with 7% to 13% HFC-227ea and the remainder HFC-
32 365mfc; and Formacel TI.

33 B. Beginning January 1, 2022:

34 (1) For new household refrigerators or freezers, the following substances are
35 prohibited: FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, KDD6, R-125/290/134a/600a
36 (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-
37 421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-424A, R-426A, R-428A,
38 R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS-24 (2002 formulation), RS-44 (2003
39 formulation), SP34E and THR-03;

1 (2) For new vending machines, the following substances are prohibited:
2 FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, KDD6, R-125/290/134a/600a
3 (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407C, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-
4 422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-426A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS-24 (2002
5 formulation) and SP34E

6 (3) For new rigid polyurethane marine flotation foam, the following substances
7 are prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and any blends of those
8 substances; Formacel TI; and Formacel Z-6;

9 (4) For new polystyrene extruded boardstock and billet, the following substances
10 are prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa, HFC-365mfc and any blends of those
11 substances; Formacel TI; Formacel B; and Formacel Z-6;

12 (5) For new rigid polyurethane high-pressure 2-component spray foam, the
13 following substances are prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa and any blends of
14 those substances; blends of HFC-365mfc with at least 4% HFC-245fa;
15 commercial blends of HFC-365mfc with 7% to 13% HFC-227ea and the
16 remainder HFC-365mfc; and Formacel TI; and

17 (6) For new rigid polyurethane low-pressure 2-component spray foam, the
18 following substances are prohibited: HFC-134a, HFC-245fa and any blends of
19 those substances; blends of HFC-365mfc with at least 4% HFC-245fa;
20 commercial blends of HFC-365mfc with 7% to 13% HFC-227ea and the
21 remainder HFC-365mfc; and Formacel TI.

22 C. Beginning January 1, 2023:

23 (1) For new cold storage warehouses, the following substances are prohibited:
24 HFC-227ea, R-125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407A, R-
25 407B, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B, R-422C,
26 R-422D, R-423A, R-424A, R-428A, R-434A, R-438A, R-507A and RS-44 (2003
27 composition); and

28 (2) For new built-in household refrigerators or freezers, the following substances
29 are prohibited: FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, KDD6, R-125/290/134a/600a
30 (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A, R-407C, R-407F, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-
31 421A, R-421B, R-422A, R-422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-424A, R-426A, R-428A,
32 R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS-24 (2002 formulation), RS-44 (2003
33 formulation), SP34E and THR-03.

34 D. Beginning January 1, 2024:

35 (1) For new centrifugal chillers, the following substances are prohibited:
36 FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, HFC-227ea, HFC-236fa, HFC-245fa, R-
37 125/134a/600a (28.1/70/1.9), R-125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A,
38 R-407C, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-
39 423A, R-424A, R-434A, R-438A, R-507A, RS-44 (2003 composition) and THR-
40 03; and

41 (2) For new positive displacement chillers, the following substances are
42 prohibited: FOR12A, FOR12B, HFC-134a, HFC-227ea, KDD6, R-

1 125/134a/600a (28.1/70/1.9), R-125/290/134a/600a (55.0/1.0/42.5/1.5), R-404A,
2 R-407C, R-410A, R-410B, R-417A, R-421A, R-422B, R-422C, R-422D, R-
3 424A, R-434A, R-437A, R-438A, R-507A, RS-44 (2003 composition), SP34E
4 and THR-03.

5 **3. Exemptions.** In accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to this
6 section, the following exemptions apply to the prohibitions in subsection 2.

7 A. Except in the case of retrofitted products or equipment regulated under this
8 section, the prohibitions in this section do not apply to the use of a product or
9 equipment regulated under this section that is acquired by a person prior to the date of
10 an applicable prohibition under subsection 2 on the selling, leasing, renting, installing
11 or entering into commerce in the State of that product or equipment.

12 B. A product or equipment regulated under this section that is manufactured prior to
13 the date of an applicable prohibition under subsection 2 on the selling, leasing,
14 renting, installing or entering into commerce in the State of that product or equipment
15 may be sold in, imported into, exported from, distributed in, installed in and used in
16 the State after that date.

17 C. The department may approve a waiver request submitted by a person to allow that
18 person to sell, lease, rent, install or enter into commerce in the State for a period of
19 not more than 2 years a product or equipment that is otherwise prohibited from sale,
20 lease, rental, installation or entry into commerce pursuant to this section and the rules
21 adopted pursuant to this section. The department shall adopt rules establishing the
22 process by which a person may submit such a waiver request and the criteria to be
23 used by the department in assessing and approving or denying such waiver requests.
24 The department shall require a person submitting such a waiver request to pay to the
25 department a reasonable fee to cover the department's costs in assessing and
26 approving or denying such waiver requests.

27 D. Heat pumps are not subject to the prohibitions in this section.

28 E. The following end uses of the substance HFC-134a are not subject to the
29 prohibitions in this section:

30 (1) As an aerosol propellant in new cleaning products designed to remove
31 grease, flux and other soils from electrical equipment;

32 (2) For new refrigerant flushes;

33 (3) In a new product for sensitivity testing of smoke detectors;

34 (4) As a new lubricant or freeze spray for electrical equipment or electronics;

35 (5) As a new spray for aircraft maintenance purposes;

36 (6) As a new spray containing corrosion preventive compounds that is used in
37 the maintenance of aircraft, electrical equipment, electronics or military
38 equipment;

39 (7) As a new pesticide for use near electrical wires, in aircraft, in total release
40 insecticide foggers or in certified organic use pesticides for which the federal

1 Environmental Protection Agency has specifically disallowed all other lower
2 global warming potential propellants;

3 (8) As a new mold release agent or mold cleaner;

4 (9) As a new lubricant or cleaner for spinnerets for synthetic fabrics;

5 (10) As a new duster spray specifically used for the removal of dust from
6 photographic negatives, semiconductor chips, specimens under electron
7 microscopes and energized electrical equipment;

8 (11) As a new adhesive or sealant in canisters for commercial use;

9 (12) As a new document preservation spray;

10 (13) As a new wound care spray, new topical cooling spray for pain relief or
11 new product for removing bandage adhesives from skin; and

12 (14) As a new air conditioning refrigerant for military marine vessels when the
13 department has determined that reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain
14 that other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety
15 requirements.

16 F. The substances HFC-134a, HFC-227ea and blends of HFC-227ea and HFC-134a
17 are not subject to the prohibitions in this section when used as an aerosol propellant
18 for new metered dose inhalers approved by the United States Department of Health
19 and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration for medical purposes.

20 G. The substances HFC-134a and R-404A are not subject to the prohibitions in this
21 section when used as a new air conditioning refrigerant in spacecraft intended for
22 human occupancy and related support equipment when the department has
23 determined that reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain that other alternatives
24 are not technically feasible due to performance or safety requirements.

25 H. Until January 1, 2022, the prohibitions in this section do not apply to new foams,
26 excluding rigid polyurethane one-component foam sealants, when used in military
27 applications when the department has determined that reasonable efforts have been
28 made to ascertain that other alternatives are not technically feasible due to
29 performance or safety requirements.

30 I. Until January 1, 2025, the prohibitions in this section do not apply to:

31 (1) New foams, excluding rigid polyurethane one-component foam sealants,
32 when used in space-related and aeronautics-related applications when the
33 department has determined that reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain
34 that other alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety
35 requirements; and

36 (2) New rigid polyurethane high-pressure 2-component spray foams and new
37 rigid polyurethane low-pressure 2-component spray foams, when used in military
38 or space-related and aeronautics-related applications when the department has
39 determined that reasonable efforts have been made to ascertain that other

1 alternatives are not technically feasible due to performance or safety
2 requirements.

3 **4. Record keeping.** In accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to
4 this section, a person that manufactures for sale or entry into commerce in the State a
5 product or equipment regulated under this section shall maintain for 5 years, and shall
6 make available to the department upon request, records sufficient to demonstrate that the
7 product or equipment does not contain any substances prohibited for an applicable end
8 use regulated under this section or that the product or equipment is exempt from the
9 prohibitions in this section pursuant to subsection 3.

10 **5. Venting prohibition.** In accordance with rules adopted by the department, a
11 person may not intentionally or knowingly vent or otherwise release into the environment
12 any prohibited substance identified pursuant to subsection 2 when maintaining, servicing,
13 repairing or disposing of a product or equipment regulated under this section that was
14 sold, leased, rented, installed or entered into commerce in the State prior to the date of an
15 applicable prohibition under subsection 2 for that product or equipment. The prohibition
16 under this subsection does not apply to a person who causes such a release if that release
17 is de minimis and the person caused the release while engaged in a good faith attempt to
18 recycle or recover the prohibited substance in a product or equipment regulated under this
19 section.

20 **6. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

21 A. In its initial adoption of rules to implement this section, the department may not
22 regulate a substance or end use not specifically identified in this section. Subsequent
23 to that initial adoption of rules, the department may amend its adopted rules to
24 regulate or exempt, consistent with this section, substances that are
25 hydrofluorocarbons with high global warming potential and air conditioning,
26 refrigeration, foam or aerosol propellant end uses that are not specifically identified
27 in this section or for other purposes consistent with this section.

28 B. Prior to adopting or amending rules to implement this section, the department
29 shall consult with the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal
30 regarding the effects of any proposed rules on safety-related requirements and
31 restrictions in state or local building codes and in other related state laws and rules.

32 C. The department may not adopt by rule a prohibition pursuant to this section that is
33 applicable to new light duty vehicles unless a substantially similar prohibition has
34 been adopted in another state and is in effect in that other state.

35 D. If, pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 United States Code, Section 7671k,
36 the United States Environmental Protection Agency approves a hydrofluorocarbon
37 blend with a global warming potential of 750 or less for foam blowing of polystyrene
38 extruded boardstock and billet or rigid polyurethane low-pressure 2-component spray
39 foam, the department shall as necessary and as soon as is practicable, initiate
40 rulemaking to amend its rules adopted pursuant to this section to address that federal
41 action.

42 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
43 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

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2 This amendment replaces the bill and provides that, in accordance with rules adopted
3 by the Department of Environmental Protection, a person may not sell, lease, rent, install
4 or enter into commerce in the State a product or equipment that uses or will use certain
5 specified substances that are hydrofluorocarbons with high global warming potential for
6 certain specified air conditioning, refrigeration, foam or aerosol propellant end uses.
7 Those specified substances and specified end uses that are prohibited under the
8 amendment, as well as specified exemptions to those prohibitions, are identical or
9 substantially similar to those provided for in the bill, except that:

10 1. For all substances and end uses for which a prohibition under the bill is effective
11 January 1, 2021, the amendment provides an effective date for that prohibition of July 1,
12 2021 or 180 days after the adoption of rules by the department, whichever is later;

13 2. It removes language regarding regulation of the use of prohibited products and
14 equipment and provides that the prohibitions do not apply to the use of regulated products
15 or equipment acquired by a person prior to the effective date of an applicable prohibition
16 and that regulated products and equipment manufactured prior to the effective date of an
17 applicable prohibition may be sold in, imported into, exported from, distributed in,
18 installed in and used in the State after that effective date;

19 3. It authorizes the department to approve a waiver request allowing a person to sell,
20 lease, rent, install or enter into commerce in the State for a period of not more than 2
21 years a product or equipment that is otherwise prohibited. A person submitting such a
22 waiver request must pay to the department a reasonable fee to cover the department's
23 costs in assessing and approving or denying such waiver requests;

24 4. It removes the prohibition on certain new light duty vehicles and replaces that
25 prohibition with an authorization for the department to adopt by rule a similar prohibition
26 only if a substantially similar prohibition has been adopted in another state and is in effect
27 in that other state;

28 5. It provides that prior to adopting or amending rules to implement this legislation,
29 the department must consult with the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State
30 Fire Marshal regarding the effects of any proposed rules on safety-related requirements
31 and restrictions in state or local building codes and in other related state laws and rules;

32 6. It requires the department, as necessary and as soon as is practicable, to amend its
33 rules implementing this legislation if, pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, the United
34 States Environmental Protection Agency approves a hydrofluorocarbon blend with a
35 global warming potential of 750 or less for foam blowing of polystyrene extruded
36 boardstock and billet or rigid polyurethane low-pressure 2-component spray foam; and

37 7. It removes from the bill provisions requiring disclosure statements.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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An Act To Limit the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons To Fight Climate Change

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection as a result of the implementation of a program to regulate the sale and use of hydrofluorocarbons in the State are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.