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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Senate Bill 324

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2023 Senate Bill 324 prohibits any state agency or local governmental unit from prohibiting or otherwise limiting the use of certain refrigerants. Specifically, if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated a refrigerant as an acceptable alternative to ozone-depleting refrigerants, a state agency or local governmental unit may not prohibit or otherwise limit the use of the refrigerant. The equipment containing the refrigerant must be listed and installed in accordance with safety standards and use conditions imposed pursuant to the EPA designation as an acceptable alternative.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 maintains the general prohibition, but applies it more specifically to building codes, rather than general use, as established or enforced by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), or a county, city, village, or town. Under the substitute amendment, DSPS and a county, city, village, or town may not enact or enforce a building code that prohibits or otherwise limits the use of a refrigerant that the EPA has designated as an acceptable alternative. As under the bill, the equipment containing the refrigerant must be listed and installed in accordance with safety standards and use conditions imposed pursuant to the EPA designation as an acceptable alternative.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Tomczyk offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on September 21, 2023. On October 13, 2023, the Senate Committee on Labor, Regulatory Reform, Veterans and Military Affairs recommended adoption of the substitute amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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