

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 5165

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5165 (1R).

As amended, this bill makes clarifications concerning the use of certain hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in building and manufacturing processes and allows manufacturers who use HFCs in their products to begin a more efficient and orderly phasedown of their use based on the federal guidelines, while still implementing the changes needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This bill provides that any refrigerant listed as acceptable by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) under the "Significant New Alternatives Policy" program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s.7671k is not to be prohibited under the "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.), or local code, provided that any equipment using the refrigerant is listed and installed pursuant to the USEPA's safety standards and use conditions.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 5165 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3581 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to specify that the bill's restrictions are to only apply for the period from the effective date of the bill through the adoption of a subsequent publication of the State Uniform Construction Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.