

HOUSE BILL 1011

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CF SB 741

By: **Delegate Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Refrigerants – Limitations on Use**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, regulation,
4 or requirement, except for regulations issued by the Department of the Environment,
5 no provision of the State building code or other law or regulation may prohibit or
6 otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant ~~may not be prohibited or otherwise limited~~ if
7 the refrigerant is designated as acceptable for use under federal listing requirements
8 and any appliance containing the refrigerant meets federal safety standards and use
9 conditions; and generally relating to the use of refrigerants in the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Public Safety

12 Section 12–706

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **12–706.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “APPLIANCE” MEANS ANY DEVICE THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) CONTAINS AND USES A CLASS I OR CLASS II SUBSTANCE OR A
 2 SUBSTITUTE FOR A CLASS I OR CLASS II SUBSTANCE, AS DEFINED IN 42 U.S.C.
 3 7671A, AS A REFRIGERANT; AND

4 (2) IS USED FOR A HOUSEHOLD OR COMMERCIAL PURPOSE,
 5 INCLUDING AN AIR CONDITIONER, A REFRIGERATOR, A CHILLER, OR A FREEZER.

6 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, REGULATION, OR
 7 REQUIREMENT IN THE STATE, EXCEPT FOR REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE
 8 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, NO PROVISION OF THE STATE BUILDING
 9 CODE OR OTHER LAW OR REGULATION MAY PROHIBIT OR OTHERWISE LIMIT THE
 10 USE OF A REFRIGERANT MAY NOT BE PROHIBITED OR OTHERWISE LIMITED IF:

11 (1) THE REFRIGERANT IS DESIGNATED AS ACCEPTABLE FOR USE IN
 12 ACCORDANCE WITH 42 U.S.C. 7671K; AND

13 (2) ANY APPLIANCE CONTAINING THE REFRIGERANT DESIGNATED
 14 FOR ACCEPTABLE USE IS LABELLED, INSTALLED, SERVICED, REPAIRED, AND USED,
 15 AND DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND USE
 16 CONDITIONS UNDER 42 U.S.C. 7671K.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 18 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.