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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, DiPalma, Ciccone, Gallo, and Pearson Date Introduced: March 23, 2023

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-27.3 of the General Laws entitled "State Building Code" is hereby
- 2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 <u>23-27.3-129.4. Refrigerants.</u>

- 4 No provision of the Rhode Island building code, or other local code, may prohibit or
- 5 otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant designated as acceptable for use pursuant to and in
- 6 accordance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 7671k; provided any equipment containing such
- 7 refrigerant is listed and installed in accordance with safety standards and use conditions imposed
- 8 pursuant to such designation.
- 9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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1 This act would bring Rhode Island building code or other local code into federal 2 compliance by prohibiting or otherwise limiting the use of refrigerants designated as acceptable 3 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7671k as long as the refrigerant is listed and installed in accordance with the 4 designated safety standards and use conditions. 5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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