

SENATE BILL 741

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By: **Senator Jackson**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, notwithstanding any other law, regulation, or
4 requirement, the use of a refrigerant may not be prohibited or otherwise limited if
5 the refrigerant is designated as acceptable for use under federal listing requirements
6 and any appliance containing the refrigerant meets federal safety standards and use
7 conditions; and generally relating to the use of refrigerants in the State.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 12–706

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 **12–706.**

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

18 **(1) CONTAINS AND USES A CLASS I OR CLASS II SUBSTANCE, AS**
19 **DEFINED IN 42 U.S.C. 7671A, AS A REFRIGERANT; AND**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, REGULATION, OR REQUIREMENT**
2 **IN THE STATE, THE USE OF A REFRIGERANT MAY NOT BE PROHIBITED OR**
3 **OTHERWISE LIMITED IF:**

4 **(1) THE REFRIGERANT IS DESIGNATED AS ACCEPTABLE FOR USE IN**
5 **ACCORDANCE WITH 42 U.S.C. 7671; AND**

6 **(2) ANY APPLIANCE CONTAINING THE REFRIGERANT DESIGNATED**
7 **FOR ACCEPTABLE USE IS LABELED, INSTALLED, SERVICED, REPAIRED, USED, AND**
8 **DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND USE CONDITIONS**
9 **UNDER 42 U.S.C. 7671.**

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