



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1111**

LCO No. 4092

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ELECTRIC, GAS AND OIL  
FIRED HEATING UNITS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Electric heating unit" means equipment, including tanks, piping,  
4 pumps, control devices and accessories used in connection therewith  
5 designed to use electricity to heat a residential dwelling or commercial  
6 building.

7 (2) "Gas heating unit" means a natural gas or propane burner and  
8 equipment used in connection therewith, including tanks, piping,  
9 pumps, control devices and accessories designed to burn such natural  
10 gas or propane to heat a residential dwelling or commercial building.

11 (3) "Oil fired heating unit" means an oil burner and equipment used  
12 in connection therewith, including tanks, piping, pumps, control  
13 devices and accessories designed to burn fuel oil to heat a residential  
14 dwelling or commercial building.

15 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
16 Protection.

17 (b) No person shall sell an electric or gas heating unit or oil fired  
18 heating unit requiring a building permit for installation unless the  
19 purchaser of the unit provides the seller with (1) the name and  
20 occupational license number of the contractor who will be installing  
21 the unit, or (2) verification that a building permit has been issued for  
22 the installation of the unit.

23 (c) Prior to releasing the unit specified in subsection (b) of this  
24 section to the purchaser, the seller shall record in writing the following  
25 information: (1) The date of purchase of the unit, (2) the name and  
26 address of the purchaser, (3) the contractor's name and occupational  
27 license number, if applicable, (4) a copy of the building permit or the  
28 number of the permit and the name of the municipality that issued the  
29 permit, if applicable, and (5) the location where the unit will be  
30 installed. The seller shall maintain such records for a minimum of  
31 three years from the date of sale. The seller shall permit the  
32 commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agents to inspect and  
33 copy such records during normal business hours.

34 (d) The commissioner may impose a civil penalty of not more than  
35 one thousand dollars for each violation of this section. For purposes of  
36 this subsection, each sale of a unit in violation of subsection (b) or (c) of  
37 this section shall constitute a separate violation.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |                 |
| Section 1                              | October 1, 2003 |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect consumers and the environment by reducing the number of illegal electric, gas and oil fired heating unit installations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*