



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 552**

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2 section, "outdoor wood burning furnace" means an accessory structure  
3 or appliance designed to be located outside living space ordinarily  
4 used for human habitation and designed to transfer or provide heat,  
5 via liquid or other means, through the burning of wood or solid waste,  
6 for heating spaces other than where such structure or appliance is  
7 located, or for heating domestic, swimming pool, hot-tub or jacuzzi  
8 water. The term "outdoor wood burning furnace" does not include a  
9 fire pit, wood-fired barbecue or a chimney.

10 (b) No person shall advertise, distribute, solicit, sell, offer for sale,  
11 trade or barter an outdoor wood burning furnace.

12 (c) No person shall construct, install, establish, modify or operate an  
13 outdoor wood burning furnace unless such person demonstrates to the  
14 satisfaction of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection that  
15 such furnace was constructed, installed, established, modified or  
16 operated prior to the effective date of this section.

17 (d) The provisions of this section may be enforced by the  
18 Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the Commissioner of  
19 Consumer Protection, by a municipality in which an outdoor wood  
20 burning furnace is located, or by a municipality affected by the  
21 operation or proposed operation of an outdoor wood burning furnace.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce air pollutants, fine particulates and visible emissions by prohibiting the sale, installation and use of new outdoor wood burning furnaces.

*[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.]*