

1 H.864

2 Introduced by Representatives Chase of Colchester and Chesnut-Tangerman
3 of Middletown Springs

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Energy; natural gas; renewable natural gas

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that,
8 by 2035, 75 percent of all natural gas sold or consumed in Vermont shall be
9 renewable natural gas and that, by 2023, all natural gas imported into Vermont
10 shall be responsibly sourced.

11 An act relating to renewable and responsibly sourced natural gas

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 587 is added to read:

14 § 587. NATURAL GAS

15 (a) On or before January 1, 2025, 25 percent of all natural gas sold and
16 consumed in the State shall be renewable natural gas, increasing by an
17 additional five percent every January 1 thereafter until reaching 75 percent on
18 and after January 1, 2035.

19 (b) On or before January 1, 2023, all natural gas imported into the State
20 shall be certified as in compliance with the Independent Energy Standards

1 Corporation's Trustwell Responsible Gas Program or a comparable verified
2 program.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.