

HCS HB 1302 -- WOOD BURNING APPLIANCES

This bill prohibits the Department of Natural Resources from regulating the manufacture, performance, or use of residential wood burning heaters or appliances through a state implementation plan or otherwise unless authorized to do so by the General Assembly. Any rule or regulation establishing or enforcing performance standards for residential wood burning heaters or appliances cannot become effective unless first approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

A new rule or regulation cannot be applied to existing wood burning furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, or heaters that individuals are currently using as their source of heat for their homes or businesses. All wood burning furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, and heaters existing on August 28, 2014, may not be subject to any rules or regulations enacted after that date. An employee of the state or a state agency cannot enforce any new rules or regulations against the existing wood burning furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, and heaters.