

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 999 (2026)

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Housing, Agriculture &  
2 Tourism Subcommittee

3 Representative Gonzalez Pittman offered the following:

5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Section 604.74, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
8 **read:**

9 604.74 Refrigerant safety and agricultural continuity.—

10 (1) This section may be cited as the "Refrigerant Safety  
11 and Agricultural Continuity Act."

12 (2) The Legislature finds that this state's agricultural  
13 food processing and cold chain industries rely upon refrigerant  
14 systems that ensure product safety, temperature stability, and  
15 export reliability. The United States Environmental Protection  
16 Agency's Technology Transition rule requires replacement of R-

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17 410A refrigerants with A2L refrigerants, including R-454B  
18 refrigerants, beginning in calendar years 2025 and 2026. R-454B  
19 refrigerant is classified as a mildly flammable refrigerant and  
20 has not been fully tested or certified for all commercial  
21 agricultural refrigerant applications, creating potential risk  
22 of fire, equipment failure, and insurance exclusion. A rapid  
23 transition to A2L refrigerants may impose substantial costs on  
24 this state's agricultural food processing and cold chain  
25 industries with statewide economic impacts estimated in the  
26 billions of dollars.

27 (3) As used in this section, the term:

28 (a) "A2L refrigerant" means any refrigerant classified as  
29 lower toxicity and mildly flammable under American Society of  
30 Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standard  
31 34.

32 (b) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and  
33 Consumer Services.

34 (4) By January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the  
35 department, in consultation with the Department of Environmental  
36 Protection and the State Fire Marshal, shall provide a report to  
37 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
38 Representatives on:

39 (a) Safety performance data for A2L refrigerants,  
40 including R-454B refrigerants.

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41        (b) Availability of compliant equipment and certified  
42        technicians for statewide transition to A2L refrigerants.

43        (c) Insurance and liability standards applicable to A2L  
44        refrigerant systems.

45        (d) Recommendations regarding readiness for statewide  
46        transition to A2L refrigerants.

47        (e) The status of and any updates to the United States  
48        Environmental Protection Agency's Technology Transitions rule as  
49        set forth in 40 C.F.R. part 84.

50        (5) The department may coordinate with Florida College  
51        System institutions, career centers, and industry trade  
52        associations to expand training and certification programs for  
53        the safe handling, installation, and servicing of A2L  
54        refrigerants.

55        **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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58        **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

59        Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
60        An act relating to refrigerant safety and agricultural  
61        continuity; creating s. 604.74, F.S.; providing a  
62        short title; providing legislative findings and  
63        intent; providing definitions; requiring the  
64        department to provide an annual report to the  
65        Legislature by a specified date; providing

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66        requirements for the annual report; authorizing the  
67        department to coordinate with certain entities for a  
68        specified purpose; providing an effective date.