

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WITHDRAWN	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>	

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

Representative Gonzalez Pittman offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

604.74 Refrigerant safety and agricultural continuity.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Safety performance data for A2L refrigerants, 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.