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Sectional Analysis

Section 1: Amends 46.14 by adding new section AS 46.14.570 to article 5.

(a) Prohibits the burning of certain fuels in solid fuel burning heating devices.

(b) A person may not sell solid fuel burning heating devices that exceed the emission standard 120 days after the department sets the new standard. The emission standard does not apply to fireplaces.

(c) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall establish particulate air contaminant emission standards for all solid fuel burning heating devices for areas designated as EPA nonattainment areas. The new solid fuel burning heating device emission standard will be 2.5 grams of particulate matter per hour for devices rated at or below 200,000 British thermal units. If a device exceeds 200,000 BTUs, the Department may increase the allowable emissions by maximum increments of 2.5 g/hr for each 200,000 BTUs. Before adopting a particulate air contaminant emission standard, the department shall provide a fact sheet for public comment discussing potential effects of the new standard.

(d) The department shall establish a procedure to determine whether a solid fuel burning heating device complies with the new emission standard. The department shall establish a procedure for approving the sale of new solid fuel burning heating devices that comply with the new particulate air contaminant emission standard.

(e) A state or local authority may not adopt a particulate air contaminant emission standard other than the standard adopted by the Department.

(f) Clarifying that the device standard is not a limitation for hazardous air pollution or an emission standard for a stationary source.

(g) Defines "solid fuel burning heating device".

Section 2: Provides sunset clause.