

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 55

An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1308 of the Code of Virginia, relating to vapor recovery equipment.

[S 908]

Approved March 2, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-1308 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-1308. Regulations.

A. The Board, after having studied air pollution in the various areas of the Commonwealth, its causes, prevention, control and abatement, shall have the power to promulgate regulations, including emergency regulations, abating, controlling and prohibiting air pollution throughout or in any part of the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:1 et seq.), except that a description of provisions of any proposed regulation which are more restrictive than applicable federal requirements, together with the reason why the more restrictive provisions are needed, shall be provided to the standing committee of each house of the General Assembly to which matters relating to the content of the regulation are most properly referable. No such regulation, shall prohibit the burning of leaves from trees by persons on property where they reside if the local governing body of the county, city or town has enacted an otherwise valid ordinance regulating such burning. The regulations shall not promote or encourage any substantial degradation of present air quality in any air basin or region which has an air quality superior to that stipulated in the regulations. Any regulations adopted by the Board to have general effect in part or all of the Commonwealth shall be filed in accordance with the Virginia Register Act (§ 9-6.15 et seq.).

B. *Any regulation requiring the use of stage 1 vapor recovery equipment shall require the use of such equipment only in areas that have been designated at any time by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as nonattainment areas for the pollutant ozone.*