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HOUSE BILL **399**

AN ACT relative to the energy consumption reduction goal.

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ANALYSIS

This bill changes the focus of the New Hampshire's energy consumption reduction goal to greenhouse gas emissions, rather than fossil fuels.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Findings. The general court finds that:

2 I. Greenhouse gas emissions are the primary driver of global climate change.

3 II. Not all fossil fuel sources emit greenhouse gases at the same rate and therefore
4 contribute to climate change at different rates and should be measured accordingly.

5 III. The state should prioritize investments in renewable energy at state facilities to
6 decrease greenhouse gas emissions most effectively.

7 2 Energy Consumption Reduction Goal; Reports. Amend RSA 21-I:14-c, I to read as follows:

8 I. Each state department shall identify cost-effective measures to reduce [~~fossil-fuel~~
9 ~~consumption~~] **greenhouse gas emissions** by 25 percent by 2025 in state buildings, on a square foot
10 basis, compared to a 2005 baseline. Implementation of any measures shall be subject to the
11 appropriate budgetary process and approval. Cost effectiveness for the purposes of this section shall
12 mean a return on investment based on energy savings and reduced operational costs within the
13 expected lifetime of the measure.

14 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.