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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on climate change laws in effect January 1, 1970 through August 31, 2010. In some instances, regulations have been included in the compilation due to their significance. This compilation is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to climate change, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of climate change law in the state.

| Title | Citation | Description |
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| General powers of agency; secretary of agriculture, food and markets (2008) | VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 6, § 1 | Secretary to work with climate change oversight committee to find ways to increase carbon sequestration and incentives for carbon sequestration. |
| Capital equipment assistance program (2008) | VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 6, § 4828 | Work to help farmers buy manure injection equipment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. |
| Greenhouse gas reduction goals (2008) | VT. STAT. ANN. tit.10, § 578 | Sets goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. By 2012, should be reduced to 25% of 1990 levels, by 2028, should be 50% of 1990 levels, and by 2050, should be 75% of 1990 levels. Advocate for a cap and trade program - either regional or national program. |
| Greenhouse gas inventories; registry (2008) | VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 10, § 582 | Work with other states to develop a regional inventory of greenhouse gas emissions until the federal inventory is mandatory. |
| Regional coordination to reduce greenhouse gases (2008) | VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 30, § 255 | Creates a regional cap and trade system for carbon credits. |

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| Renewable Energy Programs; renewable energy goals (2005) | 30 VT. STAT. ANN. § 8001 | Legislature finds that the state's renewable energy policies will contribute to reductions in global climate change. |
| Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative | | Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont joined together to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Goal is to reduce emissions through development of a cap-and-trade program. |