

1 H.463

2 Introduced by Representative Deen of Westminster

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; land use; waters of the state

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to clarify that the natural resources
7 board has statutory authority to regulate the use of all-terrain vehicles,
8 snowmobiles, and other motor vehicles on the surface waters of the state. The
9 authority of the secretary of natural resources to adopt rules authorizing the use
10 of frozen public waters by all-terrain vehicles would be repealed.

11 An act relating to use of all-terrain vehicles on state surface waters

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6025(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) The water resources panel may adopt rules, in accordance with the
15 provisions of chapter 25 of Title 3, in the following areas:

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17 (4) Rules regulating the surface use of public waters, and rules
18 pertaining to the designation of outstanding resource waters, in accordance
19 with chapter 49 of this title. Rules adopted under this subdivision may regulate
20 the use of frozen public waters by: an all-terrain vehicle, as that term is

1 defined in 23 V.S.A. § 3501; a snowmobile, as that term is defined in
2 23 V.S.A. § 3201; or a motor vehicle, as that term is defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4.

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4 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 3506(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) An all-terrain vehicle may not be operated:

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7 (4) On any public land, ~~body of public water~~ or natural area established
8 under the provisions of section 2607 of Title 10 unless the secretary has
9 designated the area for use by all-terrain vehicles pursuant to rules
10 promulgated under provisions of 3 V.S.A. chapter 25. The operation of
11 all-terrain vehicles on bodies of public water shall be governed by rules
12 adopted under section 6025 of Title 10.

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