

1 H.478

2 Introduced by Representative Branagan of Georgia

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Agriculture; appropriations; agricultural water quality; agency
6 staffing

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to provide funding for two staff
8 positions at the agency of agriculture, food and markets to work with farmers
9 to reduce the impact of agriculture on water quality.

10 An act relating to an appropriation for water quality staff of the agency of
11 agriculture, food and markets

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

13 Sec. 1. AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS;

14 AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY STAFFING

15 In addition to any other funds appropriated to the agency of agriculture,
16 food and markets in fiscal year 2013, there is appropriated from the general
17 fund to the agency \$150,000.00 in fiscal year 2013 for the purpose of hiring
18 two full-time employees to work with farmers for the implementation of best
19 practices, such as alternative plowing methods, runoff control, and

1 covercropping, to reduce the impact of agriculture on water quality in

2 Vermont.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.