

1 S.68

2 Introduced by Senators Starr, Bray, French, McAllister, and Zuckerman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Study; report; Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets; methane
6 digesters; methane gas; farm equipment

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, in collaboration with the
9 Department of Public Service and the Agency of Transportation, to study and
10 report to the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture and on Natural
11 Resources and Energy on the technical feasibility and economic viability of
12 using gas from methane digesters to power farm equipment.

13 An act relating to requiring a study and report on using methane gas to
14 power farm equipment

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

16 Sec. 1. STUDY; USE OF GAS FROM METHANE DIGESTERS TO
17 POWER FARM EQUIPMENT

18 On or before January 15, 2014, the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and
19 Markets, in collaboration with the Department of Public Service and the
20 Agency of Transportation, shall conduct and complete a study on the technical

1 feasibility and economic viability of farmers refining and using gas produced
2 from methane digesters to power farm vehicles, machinery, and equipment
3 retrofitted to burn such gas and shall submit its findings and recommendations
4 in a report to the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture and on Natural
5 Resources and Energy.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.