

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Environment and Energy to which was referred Senate  
3 Bill No. 80 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous environmental  
4 conservation subjects” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as  
6 follows:

7 First: By adding Secs. 6a and 6b to read as follows:

8 Sec. 6a. USE OF VERMONT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

9 AGENCY (EPA) POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND

10 Notwithstanding the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources under  
11 24 V.S.A. § 4753 to transfer up to \$275,000.00 from the Vermont EPA  
12 Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the Vermont Wastewater and Potable  
13 Water Revolving Fund, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall not transfer  
14 any funds from the EPA Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the Vermont  
15 Wastewater and Potable Water Revolving Fund after July 1, 2024 until:

16 (1) the Secretary of Natural Resources submits the comprehensive fee  
17 report required by the General Assembly for each Agency of Natural  
18 Resources fee in existence on July 1, 2023;

19 (2) the Secretary of Natural Resources submits the report required under  
20 Sec. 6b (report on EPA revolving funds) of this act; and

1           (3) an act of the General Assembly authorizes transfers from the  
2           Vermont EPA Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the Vermont Wastewater  
3           and Potable Water Revolving Fund to continue after July 1, 2024.

4           Sec. 6b. ANR REPORT ON REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS

5           On or before January 15, 2024, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall  
6           submit to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate  
7           Committee on Institutions a report summarizing the status of the Vermont  
8           Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Pollution Control Revolving Fund  
9           and the Vermont Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Drinking Water  
10          State Revolving Fund. The report shall include an accounting of the Funds,  
11          including the following information for each Fund as it existed at the end of  
12          fiscal year 2023:

13           (1) the balance of funds in the Fund;

14           (2) the amount of funds loaned or obligated from the Fund;

15           (3) the amount of funds repaid to the Fund in fiscal year 2023; and

16           (4) the amount of funds due for repayment to the Fund.

17          Second: By striking out Sec. 7, 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 12,  
18          in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 7 and reader assistance  
19          heading to read as follows:

20                                   \* \* \* Riparian Protection \* \* \*

21          Sec. 7. ANR REPORT ON RIPARIAN PROTECTION PROGRAM

1        The Secretary of Natural Resources shall conduct a stakeholder process to  
2        develop recommendations on the implementation of a riparian protection  
3        program in the State. The stakeholder process shall address what elements of a  
4        riparian protection program should be implemented to protect water quality  
5        and aquatic habitat and what funding would be required to implement a  
6        riparian protection program. On or before December 15, 2023, the Secretary  
7        shall submit its recommendations on the implementation of a riparian  
8        protection program to the House Committee on Environment and Energy and  
9        the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

10       Third: In Sec. 16, 29 V.S.A. § 405(d), in subsection (d), after “on the date  
11       that” and before “is signed” by inserting the word “it”

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FOR THE COMMITTEE