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An act relating to aquatic nuisance control

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 1455(i)(4), by striking out the word “three” where it appears and inserting in lieu thereof the word five

Second: In Sec. 8, by striking out the words “regarding water pollution, use of state waters, hunting, or fishing” where they appear and inserting in lieu thereof the words regarding the use of state waters for hunting, fishing, or other recreational uses

Third: In Sec. 9, by striking out the words “that address or relate to the use of state surface waters” and inserting in lieu thereof the words regarding the use of state waters for hunting, fishing, or other recreational uses

Fourth: By adding Sec. 10a to read as follows:

Sec. 10a. 10 V.S.A. § 7113(b) is amended to read:

(b) The advisory committee shall be terminated on January 1, ~~2010~~ 2015, unless extended by the general assembly.

Fifth: By adding Sec. 10b to read as follows:

Sec. 10b. 3 V.S.A. § 2822(j)(13) is amended to read:

(13) For aquatic nuisance control permits issued under 10 V.S.A.

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Sixth: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 10c to read as follows:

Sec. 10c. INVASIVE SPECIES WORKING GROUP

(a) An invasive species working group is established to study the economic and environmental impacts of invasive species in Vermont and to recommend strategies for prevention, early detection, control, and management of invasive species in Vermont.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

(1) The secretary of natural resources or his or her designee;

(2) The secretary of agriculture, food and markets or his or her designee;

(3) The state entomologist;

(4) A staff member of the agency of natural resources aquatic nuisance control program designated by the secretary of natural resources;

(5) Two persons with experience in the research and study of the impact of invasive species, one appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the committee on committees;

(5) A representative of the nursery or landscape industry, appointed by the governor; and

(6) A representative of an environmental organization, appointed by the committee on committees.

(c) The secretary of natural resources shall promptly convene the first meeting of the commission at which time the members of the commission shall

elect a chair. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(d) On or before January 15, 2010, the invasive species advisory commission shall submit to the house and senate committees on natural resources and energy, the house and senate committees on agriculture, and the house committee on fish, wildlife and water resources a report that shall include the following:

(1) A summary of the economic and environmental impact of invasive species on the state;

(2) A summary of how invasive species are currently regulated in the state;

(3) A summary of how state agencies and affected state industry respond to invasive species outbreaks in the state;

(4) Recommendations for improving state regulation of and response to the threat and spread of invasive species, including a recommended lead state agency for coordinating state response to invasive species and recommended draft legislation or draft rules to improve state response to invasive species;
and

(5) Recommendations for providing and coordinating public education and outreach regarding invasive species.

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Seventh: In Sec. 11, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

(a) This section and Secs. 8 (ANR materials), 9 (department of tourism and marketing materials), 10 (ANR report on financing aquatic nuisance control), 10a (extension of mercury advisory committee sunset), and 10c (invasive species working group) shall take effect July 1, 2009)..

Eighth: In Sec. 11, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) Secs. 1 (ANR aquatic nuisance control chapter), 2 (ANR enforcement), 3 (ANR appeals), 4 (repeal of existing aquatic nuisance control authority), 5 (agency of transportation aquatic nuisance educational materials), 6 (boating safety rules educational materials), 7 (special fund for motor vehicle registration), and 10b (aquatic nuisance permit fee) of this act shall take effect July 1, 2010.