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of Hartford, Fagan of Rutland City, McCullough of Williston,
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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation; agriculture; solid waste; water resources; composting

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to exempt from Act 250 certain
composting activities, including: the production of no more than 100 cubic
yards of material per year; compost principally produced on the farm; compost
principally used on the farm where it is produced; and compost made only
from manure produced on the farm and clean, high-carbon bulking agents.

The bill would also define the term compost. In addition, the bill would
authorize the secretary of natural resources to register certain categories of
solid waste.

An act relating to composting

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6001 is amended to read:

§ 6001. DEFINITIONS

When used in this chapter:

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(3)(A) "Development" means:

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(D) The word "development" does not include:

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(vi) The construction of improvements below the elevation of
2,500 feet for the on-site storage, preparation, and sale of compost, provided
that:

(I) The compost is produced from no more than 100 cubic
yards of material per year;

(II) The compost is principally produced on the farm;

(III) The compost is principally used on the farm where it was
produced; or

(IV) The compost is made only from manure produced on the
farm and clean, high-carbon bulking agents.

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(31) "Compost" means a stable humus-like material produced by the
controlled biological decomposition of organic matter through active
management, but shall not mean sewage or septage or materials derived from
sewage or septage.

1 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 6605h is added to read:

2 § 6605h. SOLID WASTE REGISTRATION

3 (a) Notwithstanding sections 6605, 6605f, and 6611 of this title, no person
4 may construct, substantially alter, or operate a registered solid waste facility
5 without registering the facility with the secretary.

6 (b) The secretary may, by rule, list certain solid waste categories as eligible
7 for registration pursuant to this section and the standards for the construction,
8 operation, and maintenance of those facilities eligible for registration under
9 this section.

10 (c) This section shall not apply to the storage, treatment, or disposal of:

11 (1) Municipal solid waste;

12 (2) Sludge;

13 (3) Septage; or

14 (4) Mineral processing waste. For purposes of this section, mineral
15 processing waste means solid waste from an industrial or manufacturing
16 facility that processes materials from a mining activity and where chemicals, as
17 defined by the secretary by rule, are intentionally added as a part of that
18 processing.