

H.498

Introduced by Representatives Jewett of Ripton and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Highways; private roads; road maintenance; cost allocation

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that, in the absence of a written maintenance agreement for a private road, the maintenance costs shall be divided equally among the owners of property located adjacent to the road and the owners of any easements recorded in the municipal land records of the town in which the road is located granting a right to cross the road in order to access their property.

An act relating to maintenance of private roads

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

Sec. 1. 19 V.S.A. chapter 27 is added to read:

CHAPTER 27. PRIVATE ROADS

§ 2701. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, “private road” means a road whose owner is not the state of Vermont, a municipality, or a single private property owner, but two or more owners of private property located adjacent to the road and the owners of any easements recorded in the municipal land records of the town in which the

1     road is located granting a right to cross the road in order to access their  
2     property.

3     § 2702. PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

4         In the absence of a written agreement for the maintenance of a private road,  
5     the maintenance costs shall be divided equally among the owners of property  
6     located adjacent to the road and the owners of any easements recorded in the  
7     municipal land records of the town in which the road is located granting a right  
8     to cross the road in order to access their property.