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H. 131.

An act relating to harvesting guidelines and procurement standards.

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Rodgers for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 4, 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(11), by striking out subdivisions (B) and (C) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(B) incorporate commercially available and feasible designs to achieve ~~a reasonable design~~ an optimum system efficiency for the type and design of the proposed facility; and

(C) comply with harvesting ~~guidelines~~ procedures and procurement standards that ~~are consistent~~ ensure long-term forest health and sustainability. These procedures and standards at a minimum shall comply with the guidelines and standards developed by the secretary of natural resources pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 2750 (harvesting guidelines and procurement standards) when adopted under that statute. The requirement to comply with harvesting guidelines and procurement standards under 10 V.S.A. § 2750 when adopted shall apply to any woody biomass facility approved under this section regardless of whether that approval is issued prior to the adoption of those guidelines and standards.

Second: By striking out Sec. 5 (period of guideline and standard development; application of Public Service Board criterion) in its entirety.

And by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(No House amendments)

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CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Service Board shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Megan Smith of Mendon – Commissioner, Tourism and Marketing - By Sen. Mullin for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (3/19/13)

Lawrence Miller of Montpelier – Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (3/19/13)

Chris Recchia of Randolph – Commissioner of Department of Public Service - By Sen. MacDonald for the Committee on Finance. (3/22/13)

David Mears of Montpelier – Commissioner, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation – By Sen. Snelling for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/27/13)

Michael Snyder of Stowe – Commissioner, Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation - By Sen. Galbraith for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/27/13)

Patrick Berry of Middlebury – Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife – By Sen. Hartwell for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/27/13)

Matthew Valerio of Proctor – Defender General – By Sen. Benning for the Committee on Judiciary. (3/28/13)

Charles Ross, Jr. of Hinesburg – Secretary, Agriculture Food and Markets – By Sen. Starr for the Committee on Agriculture. (4/2/13)

Ron Shems of Moretown – Chair of the Natural Resources Board – By Sen. Hartwell for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (4/3/13)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 – Room 11 – 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Re: H.225 - Statewide policy on training requirement for Electronic Control Devices (Tasers) - House Committee on Government Operations.

Thursday, April 18, 2013 - Room 11 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Re: H. 208 Earned Sick Days - House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

REPORTS ON FILE

Reports 2013

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §20(c), one (1) hard copy of the following reports is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate. Effective January 2010, pursuant to Act No. 192, Adj. Sess. (2008) §5.005(g) some reports will automatically be sent by electronic copy only and can be found on the State of Vermont Legislative webpage.

1. Report by Secretary of Administration pursuant to Act No. 156, Adj. Sess. (2012), Sec. 8 regarding supervisory union size and structure.