

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No.  
3 590 entitled “An act relating to the safety and regulation of dams” respectfully  
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be  
5 amended:

6 First: In Sec. 1, in 10 V.S.A. § 1080, by striking out subdivision (7) in its  
7 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (7) to read:

8 (7) “Dam” means any artificial barrier, impoundment, or structure and  
9 its appurtenant works that are, were, or will be capable of impounding water or  
10 other liquid after construction or alteration, except for:

11 (A) waste management systems constructed and operated according  
12 to the accepted agricultural practices as administered by the Agency of  
13 Agriculture, Food and Markets;

14 (B) impoundments that are capable of impounding no more than  
15 500,000 cubic feet of liquid with a surface area less than one acre;

16 (C) municipal underground or elevated tanks to store water; or

17 (D) any other structure identified by the Department in a duly-  
18 adopted rule.

19 Second: In Sec. 1, in 10 V.S.A. § 1104, by striking out subsection (b) in its  
20 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read:

21 (b) Dam registration.

1           (1) On or before January 1, 2015, the person owning legal title to a dam  
2           shall, on a form provided by the Department, register the dam with the  
3           Department.

4           (2) Beginning one year from the date of dam registration, a dam  
5           registered under subdivision (1) shall be subject to an annual dam safety  
6           program operation fee.

7           (3) If no person owns legal title to a dam, the person owning the  
8           property on which the dam is located shall submit the registration required  
9           under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.

10          Third: By striking out Sec. 4 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a  
11          new Sec. 4 to read:

12          Sec. 4. 3 V.S.A. § 2822(j)(12) is amended to read:

13                (12)(A) For dam permits issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 43: 0.525  
14                percent of construction costs, minimum fee of \$200.00.

15                (B) For the dam registration under 10 V.S.A. § 1104(b)(1), a person  
16                registering a dam shall pay a registration fee based on the hazard classification  
17                of the dam as follows:

18                        (i) Low hazard dam                                \$200.00;

19                        (ii) Significant hazard dam                                \$350.00;

20                        (iii) High hazard dam                                \$1,000.00.



1           (4) an evaluation of any other hydrologic concerns related to dam  
2           registration.  
3           and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions to be numerically correct.

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5           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE