1	S.205
2	Introduced by Senators Rodgers and Starr
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Energy; conservation and development; public service; land use;
6	siting; agricultural and forest soils
7	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to incorporate
8	the Act 250 criteria for primary agricultural and productive forest soils into the
9	Public Service Board siting process for energy facilities.
10 11	An act relating to renewable energy development and protecting agricultural and forest soils
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 248 is amended to read:
14	§ 248. NEW GAS AND ELECTRIC PURCHASES, INVESTMENTS, AND
15	FACILITIES; CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD
16	* * *
17	(b) Before the Public Service Board issues a certificate of public good as
18	required under subsection (a) of this section, it shall find that the purchase,
19	investment, or construction:
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1	(5) With respect to an in-state facility, will not have an undue adverse
2	effect on esthetics, historic sites, air and water purity, the natural environment,
3	the use of natural resources, and the public health and safety, with due
4	consideration having been given to the criteria specified in 10 V.S.A.
5	§§ 1424a(d) and 6086(a)(1) through (8) and (9)(B), (9)(C), and (9)(K), and
6	greenhouse gas impacts.
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8	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
9	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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