

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 595 entitled “An act relating to potable water supplies
4 from surface waters” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1978(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The Secretary shall adopt rules, in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25,
9 necessary for the administration of this chapter. These rules shall include the
10 following:

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12 (15) Provisions authorizing the use by a residential dwelling of surface
13 water as a source of a potable water supply permitted under this chapter.

14 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 1981 is added to read:

15 § 1981. SURFACE WATER SOURCE; POTABLE WATER SUPPLY

16 (a) The Secretary shall approve the use of a surface water as the source of a
17 potable water supply under this chapter if the following conditions are
18 satisfied:

19 (1) the building or structure using the surface water as a source is a
20 single-family residence occupied by the owner of title;

1 (2) only one single-family residence shall be served by a potable water
2 supply using a surface water as a source;

3 (3) a single-family residence with a potable water supply using a surface
4 water as a source shall not be used as the site of a home occupation;

5 (4) a professional engineer shall design the potable water supply using a
6 surface water as a source, including a treatment system for the surface
7 water; and

8 (5) only surface waters that meet the Secretary’s definition of a lake are
9 eligible as the source of a potable water supply permitted under this chapter.

10 (b) When an applicant for a potable water supply permit under this chapter
11 proposes new construction of a building or structure or the modification of an
12 existing building or structure that increases the design flows, the applicant
13 shall identify a fully complying drilled well, shallow well, or spring that may
14 serve as a replacement water source for the building or structure.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE