

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 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 record;

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 that
5 employs persons other than family members and is visited by the public in a
6 manner or duration that would presume the need for use of a potable water
7 supply;

8 (4) a professional engineer shall design the potable water supply using a
9 surface water as a source, including a treatment system for the surface water;

10 (5) only surface waters that meet criteria adopted by the Secretary by
11 rule are eligible as the source of a potable water supply permitted under this
12 chapter; and

13 (6) the applicant or permit holder complies with the other relevant rules
14 adopted under section 1978 of this chapter.

15 Sec. 3. SURFACE WATER SOURCE; RULEMAKING

16 The Secretary shall adopt rules to implement 10 V.S.A. § 1981 on or before
17 July 1, 2017.

18 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.

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21 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE