

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 674 entitled “An act relating to public notice of wastewater
4 discharges” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, in 10 V.S.A. § 1295, by striking out subsection (b) in its
8 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 (b) Public alert. An operator of a wastewater treatment facility shall as
10 soon as possible, but no longer than four hours from discovery of an untreated
11 discharge from the wastewater treatment facility, post on a publicly accessible
12 electronic network, mobile application, or other electronic media designated by
13 the Secretary an alert informing the public of the untreated discharge and its
14 location, except that if:

15 (1) the untreated discharge is detected between the hours of 9:00 p.m.
16 and 5:00 a.m., the operator shall post notice no later than 10:00 a.m. of that
17 morning; or

18 (2) the operator cannot control or cease the untreated discharge, the
19 operator may delay notice until the time that the untreated discharged is
20 controlled or ceased.

1 Second: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. § 1222, in subdivision (a)(1), after
2 “photosynthesis,” and before the period by striking out “microcystin, anatoxin,
3 and cylindrospermopsin” and inserting in lieu thereof microcystis, anabaena,
4 and aphanizomenon

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE