

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: \_\_\_\_\_)