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

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

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

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

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE