

1 S.274

2 Introduced by Senator Bray

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation; utility lines; Lake Champlain

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to clarify that  
7 utility lines in Lake Champlain are subject to taxation by towns that adjoin the  
8 portion of the lake in which the utility lines are located.

9 An act relating to the taxation of utility lines in Lake Champlain

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 3655 is amended to read:

12 § 3655. FACILITIES NOT WITHIN TOWN LIMITS

13 For the purpose of taxation:

14 (1) Wharves erected in Lake Champlain and not within the limits of a  
15 town shall be considered as being in the towns adjoining such wharves.

16 (2) Utility lines, including submarine cables or pipelines, constructed or  
17 maintained in Lake Champlain ~~and not otherwise within the limits of the towns~~  
18 ~~of South Hero and Grand Isle~~ shall be considered as being in whichever of  
19 those towns adjoin ~~these facilities~~ the portion of the lake in which the utility

1 lines are located, as if the northerly and southerly lines of those towns were  
2 extended easterly and westerly to the county lines.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.