

S.287

An act relating to aquatic nuisance control, Act 250 corrective actions, and beverage container redemption

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

* * * Aquatic Nuisance and Rapid Response Control Activities * * *

Sec. 1. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PERMIT
FOR NONCHEMICAL AQUATIC NUISANCE AND RAPID
RESPONSE CONTROL ACTIVITIES

On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall submit to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy a report regarding the implementation in 2018 of the general permit for the use of nonchemical aquatic nuisance and rapid response control activities issued under 10 V.S.A. § 1455(m) and 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 67, Sec. 9. The report shall include a summary of the implementation of the general permit, the process for approval of notices of intent for coverage under the general permit, the number of persons who applied for coverage under the general permit, the number of persons who were approved for coverage under the general permit, and any recommendations to improve the implementation of the general permit.

* * * Act 250 Corrective Actions * * *

Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 6081 is amended to read:

§ 6081. PERMITS REQUIRED; EXEMPTIONS

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(x)(1) No permit or permit amendment is required for the construction of improvements for any one of the actions or abatements authorized in this subdivision:

(A) a remedial or removal action for which the Secretary of Natural Resources has authorized disbursement under section 1283 of this title;

(B) abating a release or threatened release, as directed by the Secretary of Natural Resources under section 6615 of this title;

(C) a remedial or removal action directed by the Secretary of Natural Resources under section 6615 of this title;

(D) a corrective action authorized in a corrective action plan approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources under section 6615b of this title;

(E) a corrective action authorized in a corrective action plan approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources under chapter 159, subchapter 3 of this title; or

(F) the management of “development soils,” as that term is defined in subdivision 6602(39) of this title, under a plan approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources under section 6604c of this title.

(2) Any development subsequent to the construction of improvements for any one of the actions or abatements authorized in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

* * * Beverage Container Redemption * * *

Sec. 3. WAIVER OF BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION
REQUIREMENTS

After consultation with interested parties, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall submit to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy recommended changes to the standards or criteria by which the Secretary of Natural Resources authorizes a retailer who sells beverage containers to refuse to redeem beverage containers. The Secretary shall submit the recommended changes as part of the report required under 10 V.S.A. § 6604(b).

Sec. 4. REPEAL; BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION; REFUSAL
TO REDEEM

Subsection 10-105(d) of the Agency of Natural Resources’ Environmental Protection Regulations for the Deposit for Beverage Containers shall be repealed on July 1, 2018.

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Sec. 2 (Act 250 corrective action plans) shall take effect on passage.

(b) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2018.