

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred Senate Bill No. 287 entitled “An act relating to universal recycling requirements” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. USE OF BOTTOM BARRIERS WITHOUT PERMIT

(a) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall not require an aquatic nuisance control permit under 10 V.S.A. § 1455 for the use of up to 15 bottom barriers on an inland lake to control nonnative aquatic nuisance species, provided that:

(1) the bottom barriers are managed and controlled by a lake association;

(2) each bottom barrier shall be of no greater size than 14 feet by 14 feet;

(3) the bottom barriers are not installed in an area where they:

(A) create a hazard to public health; or

(B) unreasonably impede boating or navigation;

(4) the lake association notifies the Secretary of the use of the barriers:

(A) three days prior to placement of the barriers in a water if the Secretary has identified the water as containing threatened or endangered species; or

(B) on the day the barriers are placed in the water if the Secretary has not identified the water as containing threatened or endangered species; and

(5) the Secretary may require the removal of the bottom barriers upon a determination that the barriers pose a threat to a threatened or endangered species.

(b) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall designate an e-mail address, telephone number, or other publicly available method by which a lake association may provide the notice required by this section seven days a week.

Sec 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to aquatic nuisance control”

(Committee vote: _____)

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Senator _____