

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 34  
3 entitled “An act relating to cross-promoting development incentives and State  
4 policy goals” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on  
6 Agriculture with the following amendments thereto:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 5 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the  
8 following:

9 Sec. 5. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD; REPORT ON INCREASED  
10 PARTICPATION IN SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF ENERGY  
11 EFFICIENCY

12 (a) On or before December 1, 2017, the Public Service Board shall require  
13 all entities that are appointed under 30 V.S.A. § 209 to implement and  
14 administer gas and electric energy efficiency and conservation programs to  
15 submit to the Board a plan for increasing participation in self administration of  
16 energy efficiency under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) by businesses located in small  
17 towns of the rural areas of the State. A plan submitted by appointed entities  
18 shall recommend:

19 (1) measures or criteria to incentivize increased participation in self-  
20 administration of energy efficiency;

1           (2) whether any incentives to increase participation in self-  
2           administration should be included as part of the demand resources plan for  
3           entities appointed to implement and administer gas and electric energy  
4           efficiency and conservation programs; and

5           (3) how the entities appointed to implement and administer gas and  
6           electric energy efficiency and conservation programs shall report in an annual  
7           plan or other report participation rates in self-administration of energy  
8           efficiency by businesses located in the small towns of rural areas of the State.

9           (b) On or before January 15, 2018, the Public Service Board shall submit to  
10          the Senate Committees on Finance, Natural Resources and Energy, and  
11          Agriculture and the House Committees on Ways and Means, Natural  
12          Resources, Fish and Wildlife, and Agriculture and Forestry the plans submitted  
13          to the Board under subsection (a) of this section and any recommendations,  
14          including legislative changes, by the Board to implement the submitted plans.

15          (c) As used in this section:

16               (1) “Rural area” means a county of the State designated as “rural” or  
17               “mostly rural” by the U.S. Census Bureau in its most recent decennial census.

18               (2) “Small town” means a town in a rural area of the State with a  
19               population of less than 5,000 at the date of the most recent U.S. Census Bureau  
20               decennial census.

1        Second: By striking out Sec. 6 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof  
2        the following:

3        Sec. 6. 3 V.S.A. § 2822(i) is amended to read:

4            (i)(1) The Secretary shall not process an application for which the  
5        applicable fee has not been paid unless the Secretary specifies that the fee may  
6        be paid at a different time or unless the person applying for the permit is  
7        exempt from the permit fee requirements pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 710.  
8        Municipalities shall be exempt from the payment of fees under this section  
9        except for those fees prescribed in subdivisions (j)(1), (7), (8), (14), and (15) of  
10       this section for which a municipality may recover its costs by charging a user  
11       fee to those who use the permitted services. Municipalities shall pay fees  
12       prescribed in subdivisions (j)(2), (10), (11), (12), and (26), except that a  
13       municipality shall also be exempt from those fees for stormwater systems  
14       prescribed in subdivision (j)(2)(A)(iii)(I), (II), or (IV) and (j)(2)(B)(iv)(I), (II),  
15       or (V) of this section for which a municipality has assumed full legal  
16       responsibility under 10 V.S.A. § 1264.

17            (2) An air contaminant source shall be exempt from the fees required  
18        under subdivisions (j)(1)(A) and (B) when the source of the emissions is the  
19        anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, agricultural by-products,  
20        agricultural waste, or food waste.



- 1           (2) 3 V.S.A. § 2822(i)(2) (anaerobic digesters; air contaminant fee); and
- 2           (3) 6 V.S.A. § 4828(d) (phosphorus removal grant criteria).

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6           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE