

Topic	VNRC/Admin Proposal	Committee Bill
Jurisdiction	New jurisdictional threshold for ridgelines	Adds ridgeline to CRA; Lowers elevation threshold to 2000 ft
	New road rule	Reenact language of prior road rule
	Exempt all Designated Downtowns and Neighborhood Development Areas	Exempt all designated areas that receive Enhanced Designation from State Board
	Exempt previously disturbed acres of transportation projects	N/A
	Development near exits is under Act 250 jurisdiction unless the RPC determines muni bylaws will be sufficient	Protections for Interstate Interchanges: new criterion 9(I) and jurisdictional trigger
Criteria Changes	Same as Committee bill	Change floodway and floodway fringe to river corridor and flood hazard area
	Rivers Permit Program- ANR designate highest priority river corridors and require permit for development in those areas	N/A
	Same as Committee bill	Update Criterion 5 to address pedestrian and bicycle issues
	Require municipalities to respond to requests related to impacts under Criteria 6 & 7 within 90 days	N/A
	Add forest block and connecting habitat to existing Criterion 8; require Board to adopt rules for avoid, minimize, mitigate	Add Criteria 8(B) & (C) for forest blocks and connecting habitat; use avoid and minimize standard

	Updates Criterion 9(K) to include conserved land and land receiving benefits from VHCB	Update 9(K) to include conserved land, land receiving benefits from VHCB, State Designation Program, Downtown and Village Center tax credit
	Adds Criterion 9(M) to address Climate Adaptation in building design	N/A – except that the Committee bill includes multiple proposals to address climate change in different ways: 1(A) & (B)
	Update 9(F) to include stretch code	Update 9(F) to include energy efficiency and require stretch codes; also requires certification through inspection
	Same as Committee bill	Update Criterion 10 so that to be used, a town plan must be approved by RPC
	Study Committee and Report on other planning issues	Changes to Capability and Development Plan and use of maps
Permits and Conditions	Adds a 30 day advance notice requirement for major permit applications	N/A
	Permit conditions for Forest-based enterprises are required to allow increased hours of operation *Parties not in agreement	N/A
	Changes to prime ag soil mitigation for forest-based enterprises *Parties not in agreement	N/A

	Presumptions for ANR permits- all ANR permits receive presumptive weight; not just those listed in Rule	Reaffirming the supervisory authority in environmental matters of the Board and District Commissions Revising and clarifying the statutory authority on the use of other permits to demonstrate compliance with the criteria, including ensuring the reliability of those other permits. To get a presumption, the Board must determine that the permit was issued as part of a program that reliably meets its goals. Lowers the standard for rebutting the presumption. No presumption for permits that allow the discharge of pollutants into impaired waters.
	Master Plans/Industrial Parks- creates process for refunding application fee based on actual construction costs	N/A
New Board/Appeals	New professional board- 3 full time members + regional members; Board issues major permits, District Coordinators issue minor permits; appeals go to Supreme Court; eliminates District Commissions	VERB- 5 member; full time chair; current powers of NRB + hear appeals from District Commissions and ANR permit appeals