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Act No. 52 (H.122). Executive Branch; boards and commissions

An act relating to boards and commissions

This act makes the following changes to various boards and commissions within State government:

(1) Secs. 2–3 make minor conforming language changes to statutory provisions relating to National Forest Lands.

(2) Secs. 4–6 move the Women’s Commission to a new chapter within Title 3, make changes to the Commission appointment requirements, and remove the prohibition on Commission funds being used for legislative or administrative advocacy.

(3) Sec. 7 repeals the Toxics Technical Advisory Board in its entirety.

(4) Sec. 8 repeals the Champion Land Transaction Citizen Advisory Council in its entirety;

(5) Sec. 9 repeals the Working Group on Conservation Easements in its entirety.

(6) Secs. 10–11 repeal the Prekindergarten-16 Council and transfer a portion of the Prekindergarten–16 Council’s duties to the Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Council established in Title 16.

(7) Secs. 12–17 make miscellaneous changes to the statutory provisions relating to the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety, including:

(A) establishing regional emergency management committees to coordinate emergency planning and preparedness activities to improve their regions’ ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters [Sec. 12]

(B) increasing the number of members on the State Emergency Response Commission from 15 to 17 members [Sec. 13]

(C) making miscellaneous clarifications in the description of the duties of the State Emergency Response Commission, which are generally housekeeping in nature [Sec. 14]

(D) making miscellaneous clarifications in the description of the duties of the local emergency planning committees and adding the requirement that

where a local emergency planning committee represents more than one region of the State, the appointed representatives shall be geographically diverse [Sec. 15]

(E) repealing the statutory provisions establishing and governing the radiological emergency response plan fund and amending the statutory provisions governing the hazardous chemical and substance emergency response fund to specify a total annual grant amount that may be given to local emergency planning committees [Sec. 16]

(F) making conforming language changes to the Emergency Management Division duties and repealing provisions relating to a radiological emergency response plan [Sec. 17]

Effective Dates: Secs. 1–11 (misc. boards and commissions) take effect on June 3, 2021, and Secs. 12–17 (emergency management commission/committees) take effect on July 1, 2021.