

H.438

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, State Buildings, in subdivision (b)(10), by striking out “\$2,800,000.00” and inserting in lieu thereof \$2,750,000.00, and by striking out all after subdivision (c)(18) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

<u>Appropriation – FY 2022</u>	<u>\$19,316,774.00</u>
<u>Appropriation – FY 2023</u>	<u>\$24,800,442.00</u>
<u>Total Appropriation – Section 2</u>	<u>\$44,117,216.00</u>

Second: In Sec. 4, Commerce and Community Development, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and by relettering the remaining subsection to be alphabetically correct.

Third: In Sec. 9, Natural Resources, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(c) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2022 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,264,500.00

(2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

And by striking out all after subdivision (f)(2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(g) The following amounts are appropriated in FY 2023 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the projects described in this subsection:

(1) General infrastructure projects, including small-scale maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure: \$1,083,500.00

(2) Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc., to upgrade and repair the Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure: \$25,000.00

Appropriation – FY 2022 \$11,455,214.00

Appropriation – FY 2023 \$9,853,264.00

Total Appropriation – Section 9 \$21,308,478.00

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 26, Federal Funds; Capital Projects, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 26. FEDERAL FUNDS; CAPITAL PROJECTS

(a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly, to the extent permitted by federal law and guidance, to use federal funds provided to the State by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2, in the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to carry out critical capital projects for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

(b) Prioritized uses. The federal funds provided to the State by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2, in the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund shall be prioritized for critical capital projects proposed by the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the entire amount provided to the State shall not be for the exclusive use of any single branch of State government.

(c) Recommendation.

(1) On or before December 15, 2021, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall recommend a list of priority projects for the use of federal funds by the Executive Branch from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for FY 2023 to the Governor for the FY 2022–2023 capital budget adjustment report. Consistent with federal guidance as it becomes available, Executive Branch recommendations may include infrastructure that provides the greatest economic benefit in and among our communities. Any recommendations shall take into consideration the capital needs of all three branches.

(2) On or before December 15, 2021, the Joint Legislative Management Committee shall recommend a list of priority projects for the use of federal funds from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for capital projects in the Legislative Branch and the Court Administrator shall submit a list of priority projects for the use of federal funds from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for capital projects in the Judicial Branch to the House Committee on

Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions for allocation in the FY 2022–2023 Capital Budget Adjustment Act. Any recommendations shall take into consideration the capital needs of all three branches.

Fifth: By striking out Sec. 31, effective date, and its reader assistance heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 31. 29 V.S.A. § 410 is amended to read:

§ 410. RULEMAKING; ENCROACHMENTS ON PUBLIC WATERS

(a) The Department may adopt rules to implement the requirements of this chapter.

(b) The Department shall adopt rules establishing criteria for issuing an encroachment permit under this chapter for the creation of artificial reefs or sinking of vessels within the waters under the jurisdiction of the Department, including the requirement that any creation of an artificial reef or sinking of a vessel complies with federal rules or guidance for such activities.

Sec. 32. ANR ENCROACHMENT RULES; IMPLEMENTATION

(a) On or before January 1, 2022, the Department of Environmental Conservation shall initiate the rulemaking required under 29 V.S.A. § 410.

(b) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of Environmental Conservation shall file a final proposal of the rules required under 29 V.S.A. § 410 with the Secretary of State under 3 V.S.A. § 841.

* * * Public Safety * * *

Sec. 33. WILLISTON PUBLIC SAFETY BARRACKS; SALE

The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property known as the Williston Public Safety Barracks (State Office Building) located at 2777 St. George Road in Williston, Vermont pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166. The proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction projects.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 34. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Sixth: By striking out Sec. 25, process for use of federal funds; FY 2022 and FY 2023; water and sewer infrastructure, in its entirety and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.