

1 H.657

2 Introduced by Representatives Ode of Burlington, Smith of Derby, Page of
3 Newport City, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Hango of Berkshire, and
4 O'Brien of Tunbridge

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Conservation and development; water pollution control; lake in crisis;
8 designation; eligibility

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to strike as a
10 requirement for the designation of a lake in crisis that the lake is located in a
11 municipality in which the lake or a portion of the lake is located has reduced
12 the valuation of real property due to the condition of the lake.

13 An act relating to the designation of a lake in crisis

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1310 is amended to read:

16 § 1310. DESIGNATION OF LAKE IN CRISIS

17 (a) The Secretary of Natural Resources (Secretary) shall review whether a
18 lake in the State should be designated as a lake in crisis upon the Secretary's
19 own motion or upon petition of 15 or more persons or a selectboard of a
20 municipality in which the lake or a portion of the lake is located.

1 (b) The Secretary shall designate a lake as a lake in crisis if, after review
2 under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary determines that:

3 (1) the lake or segments of the lake have been listed as impaired; and

4 (2) the condition of the lake will cause:

5 (A) a potential harm to the public health; and

6 (B) a risk of damage to the environment or natural resources; ~~and~~

7 ~~(3) a municipality in which the lake or a portion of the lake is located~~
8 ~~has reduced the valuation of real property due to the condition of the lake.~~

9 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 1311(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Term of designation. A lake shall remain designated as in crisis under
11 this section until the Secretary determines that the lake no longer satisfies the
12 criteria for designation under subsection 1310(b) of this ~~section~~ title.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.