

## Senate proposal of amendment

### H. 31

An act relating to aquatic nuisance control

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

First: In Sec. 1, Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee; report, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) Membership. The Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) one current member of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) one current member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

(3) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

(4) a scientist from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, appointed by the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife;

(5) a scientist from the Department of Environmental Conservation, appointed by the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation; and

(6) two scientists or researchers from the University of Vermont, appointed by the President of the University of Vermont, one with expertise in the potential human health impacts related to the invasives and control eradication and one with expertise in aquatic biology, including flora, fauna, and ecosystem health.

Second: Sec. 1, Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee; report, in subdivision (f)(1), by striking out “July 31, 2023” where it appears and inserting in lieu thereof September 1, 2023

Third: In Sec. 1, Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee; report, by striking out subsection (g) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(g) Compensation and reimbursement.

(1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, a legislative member of the Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee serving in the member’s capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the General Assembly.

(2) Other members of the Study Committee shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the General Assembly.