

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Environment and Energy to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 80 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous environmental
4 conservation subjects” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: By adding Secs. 6a and 6b to read as follows:

8 Sec. 6a. USE OF VERMONT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

9 AGENCY (EPA) POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND

10 Notwithstanding the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources under
11 24 V.S.A. § 4753 to transfer up to \$275,000.00 from the Vermont EPA
12 Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the Vermont Wastewater and Potable
13 Water Revolving Fund, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall not transfer
14 any funds from the EPA Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the Vermont
15 Wastewater and Potable Water Revolving Fund after July 1, 2024 until:

16 (1) the Secretary of Natural Resources submits the comprehensive fee
17 report required by the General Assembly for each Agency of Natural
18 Resources fee in existence on July 1, 2023;

19 (2) the Secretary of Natural Resources submits the report required under
20 Sec. 6b (report on EPA revolving funds) of this act; and

1 The Secretary of Natural Resources shall conduct a stakeholder process to
2 develop recommendations on the implementation of a riparian protection
3 program in the State. The stakeholder process shall address what elements of a
4 riparian protection program should be implemented to protect water quality
5 and aquatic habitat and what funding would be required to implement a
6 riparian protection program. On or before December 15, 2023, the Secretary
7 shall submit its recommendations on the implementation of a riparian
8 protection program to the House Committee on Environment and Energy and
9 the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

10 Third: In Sec. 16, 29 V.S.A. § 405(d), in subsection (d), after “on the date
11 that” and before “is signed” by inserting the word “it”

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(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____
FOR THE COMMITTEE