

Sec. X GRID RESILIENCY AND RELIABILITY

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, a retail electric distribution utility's rebuilding of existing infrastructure to improve reliability and service to existing customers, through overhead or underground lines in an existing corridor, road, or state or town road right-of-way, shall not be considered "development" under 10 V.S.A. § 6001. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to exempt projects under this section from other required permits or the conditions on lands subject to existing Act 250 permits.

Sec. Y 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 41 is amended to read:

Sec. 41 REPORT; NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

(b) The report shall include:

(1) How to transition to a system in which Act 250 jurisdiction is based on location, which shall encourage development in designated areas, the maintenance of intact rural working lands, ~~and~~ the protection of natural resources of statewide significance, including biodiversity, and the removal and reconstruction of critical infrastructure. Location-based jurisdiction would adjust the threshold for Act 250 jurisdiction based on the characteristics of the location. This section of the report shall consider whether to develop thresholds and tiers of jurisdiction as recommended by the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years Report.

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Sec. Z EXEMPTION REPEAL

Sec. X of Act XX of 2023 is repealed.

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Effective dates.

This act is effective on July 1, 2023, except that Sec. X is effective on passage and Sec. Z is effective on January 1, 2027.