Side by Side of Subjects and Sections in H.484 As Passed the House and As Proposed by the Senate

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Sec. 1 6 V.S.A. chapter 28 Fertilizer, Lime, and Beneficial Substances	Conforms State statute related to regulation of beneficial substances, such as plant biostimulants, with the national standard.	No change to House language.
Sec. 2 6 V.S.A. § 918 Pesticides; Disposal	 Not in any House passed version. Affects revenues. 	Requires companies that annually register pesticide products to pay an additional \$50 per product annual fee to meet AAFM's requirement to pay the costs of collection of obsolete and unwanted pesticides. The additional fee shall be collected until an EPR program is implemented for obsolete and unwanted pesticides.
Sec. 3 Pesticide Disposal Funding Study Session Law	 Not in any House passed version. Related to revenue generation. 	 Sec. 3 requires AAFM, in consultation with DEC, to study options for sustainable funding to reimburse SWMEs for all costs associated with collection and disposal of unwanted or obsolete pesticides by municipal hazardous waste collection programs. By Dec. 15, 2025, AAFM submits to the Legislature a recommended funding mechanism to cover all costs associated with collecting unwanted pesticides.
Sec. 4 Stormwater Permitting; Rutland County Agricultural Society, Inc. Session Law	 Not in any House passed version. Related to revenue generation. 	Requires the Rutland County Fair to obtain 3 acre permit, but ANR will not require the Fair to pay a stormwater impact fee or completion of an offset for those reductions or management measures it cannot complete because of the site constraints
Sec. 5 32 V.S.A. § 3752(1) Use Value Appraisal	 Not in any House passed version. Related to revenue generation. 	• Amends the definition of "agricultural land" under Current Use to provide that land donating farm crops of \$2,000 in one of two, or, or three of the five, calendar years qualifies as eligible agricultural land.

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Sec. 6 Heavy Cut Rule; Validity Session Law	Not in House Passed version.	• Provides that repeal the repeal of the DFPR rules on the Intent to Cut Notification Emergency Rules, Standards and Procedures shall be deemed not to have repealed and the provisions of that rule shall be deemed to have continued in full force and effect and remained valid on and after July 1, 2018.
Sec. 7 Definitions Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility 10 V.S.A. §7181	Not in House Passed version of H.484, but this is the same text as Sec. 3 of H.319 as passed by the House.	• In the list in 10 V.S.A. § 7181 of products not considered covered household hazardous products, Sec. 3 replaces the term "architectural paint" with the term "paint products" as the scope of those products subject to the paint stewardship program are proposed for expansion in Secs. 10 and 11 of the bill.
Secs. 8-13 Covered Household Hazardous Products Stewardship Program	Not in House Passed version of H.484, but this is the same text as Secs. 4-11 of H.319 as passed by the House.	 Delays implementation of full EPR program for covered household hazardous products. Allows stewardship organization to implement a 3 year initial plan. If stewardship organization does not implement plan. ANR can develop its own plan and assess manufacturers the costs, plus an additional 10% penalty. Extends the landfill disposal ban on covered household products by one year under 2026. Provides a process by which SWME can obtain a two year variance from Household Hazardous Waste collection (hopefully by which time EPR for covered household hazardous products shall be in effect).
Secs. 14-15 Paint Product Stewardship Program. 10 V.S.A. chapter 159	 Not in House Passed version of H.484, but this is the same text as Secs. 10 and 11 of H.319 as passed by the House. Includes fee setting provisions. 	• Secs. 14-15 amends the existing extended producer responsibility program for architectural to expand its scope to all paint products, which includes: aerosol coating products, such as spray paint; coating related products, such as paint removers; and nonindustrial coatings, such as furniture oil. See definitions in 10 V.S.A. § 6672.

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		The scope of the program was expanded to clarify that the EPR program for paint and not the EPR program for covered household hazardous products will be responsible for the collection and management of the expanded list of paint products.
		Most of the changes to the chapter are changing the name/scope of the program from architectural paint to paint products.
		• H.319 reestablishes the typical method of legislative fee setting by enacting 10 V.S.A. § 6671 which sets forth the fees for architectural paint in s§ 6671. The fees are the existing fees charged.
		• Under Sec. 11, ANR will report to the Legislature with a proposed fee to be charged for paint products that are not architectural paint.
		• Sec. 11 also provides that July 1, 2026 is the date for expansion of the paint EPR to all paint products.
Sec. 16 30 V.S.A. § 8009 Baseload Renewable Power Portfolio Requirement	• Not in House Passed version of H.484, but this is the same text as Sec. 33 of H.319 as passed by the House.	Sec. 16 amends 30 V.S.A. § 8009 to extend the deadlines by one year for the required construction of an efficiency project at the baseload power plant (aka Ryegate).
Sec. 17 Effective Dates		• Secs. 7 to 13 (covered household hazardous products), Secs. 14-15 (paint products), and 16 (renewable power portfolio) shall take effect on passage.
		• The rest of the act takes effect on Jan. 1, 2025 except for Sec. 5 (use value) which shall take effect Jan. 1, 2026.