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Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2025 Legislative Priorities



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S.29 Chloride Contamination Reduction Program

- Municipalities are aligned with efforts to reduce environmental impacts and expense from spreading salt
- Any program must be voluntary
- Support for implementation and funding for compliance and oversight would increase participation
- NH differentiates between Municipal and Commercial applicators for their Green Snow Program, Municipal requirements are modified, and the Program provides template salt reduction plans



Municipalities Lack Underlying Liability Protection

VLCT is reluctant to discuss plans to cut down on chloride without commensurate action to limit liability.

- VLCT supports H.138 to provide municipalities a monetary cap for liability in parity with the State of Vermont
- Since 2011: The maximum liability of the State under Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. chapter 189 is \$500,000.00 to any one person and a maximum aggregate liability of \$2,000,000.00 to all persons for each occurrence
- Liability protection would apply to school districts
- Would not affect suits related to criminal conduct or violations of civil liberty



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