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Introduced by Representative Sheldon of Middlebury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; public water supply; use of public
water sources; internal combustion engines

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
use of an internal combustion motor on a public water source, other than Lake
Champlain or Lake Memphremagog, that is a lake, pond, or reservoir.

An act relating to the use of internal combustion engines on public water
sources

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1673 is amended to read:

§ 1673. PROHIBITIONS

(a) A person shall not alter, expand, or otherwise modify an existing public
water system or public water source without a permit from the ~~secretary~~
Secretary.

(b) A person shall not construct a new public water system or public water
source or change an existing water system or source into a public water system
or public water source without a permit from the ~~secretary~~ Secretary.

1 (c) A person shall not operate a public water system or public water source
2 without a permit from the ~~secretary~~ Secretary.

3 (d) As of July 1, 1993, a person shall not operate a public water system
4 unless the ~~secretary~~ Secretary has certified the person as a public water system
5 operator pursuant to this chapter.

6 (e) A person shall not operate or maintain a public water system or public
7 water source in a manner that causes or allows that system or source to be at
8 risk of damage or contamination.

9 (f) A person shall not sell imported or domestic containerized, bottled, or
10 packaged drinking water in the ~~state~~ State of Vermont unless:

11 (1) the water and the source and system of the imported water is
12 regulated by drinking water standards or requirements substantially equivalent
13 to or more stringent than standards or requirements established by the ~~secretary~~
14 Secretary pursuant to subsection 1672(b) of this title, and the importer of the
15 water has presented certification of such standards;

16 (2) the water and the source and system of the domestic drinking water
17 meet the standards or requirements established by the ~~secretary~~ Secretary
18 pursuant to subsection 1672(b) of this title; and

19 (3) the name, source, and the location of the bottler of spring, artesian,
20 or municipal water are identified.

1 (g) A person shall not use an internal combustion motor on a public water
2 source that is a lake, pond, or reservoir other than Lake Champlain or Lake
3 Memphremagog. The prohibition on the use of internal combustion motors
4 shall include the use of an internal combustion motor to power a vessel and the
5 use of tools powered by internal combustion.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.