

1 H.595

2 Introduced by Representative Krebs of South Hero

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; potable water supply; surface waters

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
7 Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt rules allowing the use of a surface  
8 water as a supply source for a potable water supply of an individual residential  
9 dwelling. Prior to adoption of the rule by the Secretary, the bill would require  
10 the Secretary to issue a potable water supply permit under 10 V.S.A.  
11 chapter 64 for a residential dwelling that has a surface water supply source if  
12 the applicant proposes use of filtration and disinfection technology comparable  
13 to filtration and disinfection for potable water supplies using groundwater as a  
14 supply source.

15 An act relating to potable water supplies from surface waters

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

17 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1978(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The Secretary shall adopt rules, in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25,  
19 necessary for the administration of this chapter. These rules shall include the  
20 following:

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(15) Provisions authorizing the use by a residential dwelling of surface water as a source of a potable water supply permitted under this chapter.

Sec. 2. REQUIRED RULEMAKING

On or before August 1, 2016, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall commence rulemaking under the requirements of 10 V.S.A. § 1978(a)(15).

Sec. 3. USE OF SURFACE WATER AS POTABLE WATER SUPPLY

(a) Prior to adoption of rules under 10 V.S.A. § 1978(a)(15), the Secretary of Natural Resources shall issue a potable water supply permit under 10 V.S.A. chapter 64 for a building used as a residential dwelling when the supply source is a surface water if the applicant proposes use of filtration and disinfection technology comparable to filtration and disinfection requirements under the Agency of Natural Resources Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules for potable water supplies using groundwater as a supply source.

(b) As used in this section, “building” means a structure whose use or useful occupancy requires the construction or modification of a potable water supply or a wastewater system, or both. “Building” shall not mean a structure with a potable water supply subject to regulation under 10 V.S.A. chapter 56.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.