

CONFIDENTIAL
LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2013

Bill Number: S.159 Name of Bill: Conservation and development; natural resources; land use; Act 250; environmental enforcement

Agency/Dept.: ANR Author of Bill Review: Jon Groveman

Date of Bill Review: 3/25/13

Status of Bill (check one):

☒ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1st body ☐ As passed by both bodies ☐ Fiscal

Recommended Position:

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Remain Neutral ☐ Support with modifications identified in #8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. Summary of bill and issue it addresses. *Describe what the bill is intended to accomplish and why.*

The bill addresses a number of procedural and jurisdictional issues related to Act 250. Only some of the issues addressed in the bill relate to ANR. These are the only issues ANR is addressing in this Blue Sheet.

The issues in the bill related to ANR are the elimination of the Water Resources Panel, and clarifications related to Act 250 jurisdiction related to composting and large groundwater withdrawals.

2. Is there a need for this bill? *Please explain why or why not.* Yes, especially with regard to eliminating the Water Resources Panel (Panel). The Panel's rulemaking authority was transferred to ANR last year. Accordingly, there is no longer any reason for the Panel to remain in existence.

3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?
None for ANR. A budget benefit for NRB.

4. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? See above.

5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? *(for example: public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc.)*
None that I am aware of.

6. Other Stakeholders:

6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why? NRB can address.

6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why? NRB can address.

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7. **Rationale for recommendation:** *Justify recommendation stated above.* ANR supports elimination of Panel now that the Panel's functions have been transferred to ANR.

8. **Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:** *Not meant to rewrite bill, but rather, an opportunity to identify simple modifications that would change recommended position.*
N/A.

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document:

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