

1 H.130

2 Introduced by Representative Johnson of Canaan

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation; water resources; federal delegation

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the agency of natural  
7 resources to report to the general assembly in January of 2012 regarding the  
8 environmental and economic benefits of forfeiting the authority delegated by  
9 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the agency of natural resources  
10 to implement and enforce the federal Clean Water Act.

11 An act relating to the agency of natural resources' delegated authority to  
12 enforce the federal Clean Water Act

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

14 Sec. 1. AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES' REPORT ON

15 DELEGATED CLEAN WATER ACT AUTHORITY

16 On or before January 15, 2012, the secretary of natural resources shall  
17 report to the house committee on fish, wildlife and water resources, the senate  
18 committee on natural resources and energy, and the house and senate  
19 committees on appropriations regarding the economic costs and benefits of  
20 forfeiting the authority delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection

1 Agency to the agency of natural resources to implement and enforce the  
2 federal Clean Water Act. The report shall include:

3 (1) A summary of when the agency of natural resources was delegated  
4 federal Clean Water Act authority and how the agency implemented such  
5 authority;

6 (2) A summary of the programs that the agency of natural resources  
7 operates under delegated Clean Water Act authority;

8 (3) A summary of how environmental permitting is conducted in other  
9 states that lack delegated Clean Water Act authority;

10 (4) A recommendation by the agency of delegated programs that the  
11 state should forfeit authority to implement and enforce;

12 (5) An analysis of the environmental costs and benefits of forfeiting:

13 (A) all delegated authority; and

14 (B) delegated authority for the programs recommended by the agency  
15 under subdivision (4) of this section.

16 (6) An analysis of the economic costs and benefits of forfeiting:

17 (A) all delegated authority; and

18 (B) delegated authority for the programs recommended by the agency  
19 under subdivision (4) of this section.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.