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Introduced by Representatives Cina of Burlington and Colburn of Burlington
Referred to Committee on
Date:
Subject: Conservation and development; solid waste; land application; septage;
sludge
Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
land application of biosolids and septage in the State.

An act relating to prohibiting the land application of septage and biosolids

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6610 is added to read:

§ 6610. PROHIBITION OF LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS AND
SEPTAGE

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Biosolids” means sewage sludge that has been treated for the
reduction of pathogens and that meets applicable requirements for contaminant
concentrations, vector attraction reduction, and pathogen densities.

(2) “Septage” means the liquid and solid materials pumped from a septic
tank or cesspool during cleaning.

1 (3) “Sludge” or “sewage sludge” means any solid, semisolid, or liquid
2 generated from a municipal, commercial, or industrial wastewater treatment
3 plant or process, water supply treatment plant, air pollution control facility, or
4 any other waste having similar characteristics and effects.

5 (b) Prohibition. The land application of biosolids or sludge in the State is
6 prohibited.

7 (c) Management. Biosolids, septage, and sludge shall be disposed of in a
8 solid waste facility certified under this chapter to manage biosolids, septage, or
9 sludge.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.