## 2019 & 2020 Legislative Session

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#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

S79 An act relating to miscellaneous housing issues.

https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/S.79

In Senate Judiciary

This bill proposes to expedite the process for evictions in cases of occupation without right or permission in farm housing and other housing; to require that utilities confirm a person who requests service has the right to occupy the residence served; and to provide for training to State and municipal police concerning landlord and tenant issues.

### REGULATION

S49 An act relating to the regulation of polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking and surface waters.

https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/S.49

In Senate Natural Resources & Energy

This bill proposes to adopt a maximum contaminant level for polyfluoroalkyl substances under the Agency of Natural Resources's Water Supply Rule. The bill would require the Secretary of Natural Resources to amend the Vermont Quality Standards to include criteria or effluent limitations for polyfluoroalkyl substances. The bill would also require landfills to treat leachate for polyfluoroalkyl substances prior to delivery to a wastewater treatment facility or other facility where the leachate would be discharged to the waters of the State.

This bill proposes to hold any person who releases a toxic substance strictly, jointly, and severally liable for any harm resulting from the release. The bill also proposes to establish a private right of action for medical monitoring damages incurred due to exposure to a toxic substance.

https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/S.37

In Senate Judiciary

H81 An act relating to the definition and sale of milk

https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.81

In House Agriculture & Forestry

An act relating to household products containing hazardous substances. H75 https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.75 In House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife This bill proposes to establish a private right of action for medical monitoring damages incurred due to exposure to a toxic substance. H35 https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.35 In House Judiciary **TECHNOLOGY** An act relating to telecommunications facility siting and bringing Internet service to unserved areas **H96** https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.96 In House Energy & Technology This bill proposes to require the Commissioner of Public Service to study the feasibility of electric companies providing broadband Internet access service using electric **H95** distribution and transmission infrastructure. https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.95 In House Energy & Technology An act relating to funding for State broadband initiatives H94 In House Energy & Technology https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.94 This bill proposes to increase the Universal Service Charge for a limited time and use the additional funds raised to support the High-Cost Program, the Connectivity Initiative, and feasibility studies and technical assistance for municipalities in the process of developing a communications union district.

### WATER QUALITY

H64 An act relating to financing water quality programs

https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.64

In House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife

This bill proposes to require the Joint Fiscal Office to submit to the General Assembly a report that identifies materials or activities in the State that contribute pollutants to State waters, proposes excise taxes on these material or proposes removal of financial incentives that the material or activity receives. The report would also require the Secretary of Natural Resources to report to the General Assembly regarding initiatives or methods for facilitating the formation of stormwater utilities in municipalities or regions of the State with a density of development or amount of impervious surface sufficient for the feasible implementation and operation of a stormwater utility.

H171 An act relating to water quality funding

https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.171

In House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife

# WSA\_REPORT LINKS

R 7 UVM Extension Exploration of the Future of Vermont Agriculture

https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/WorkGroups/House%20Agriculture/Future%20of%20Agriculture/W~Ela%20Chapin~Future%20of%20Vermont%20Agriculture%20Report~1-15-2019.pdf

- R\_6 VT Clean water initiative 2018 Investment Report https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/2019-01-15-Vermont-Clean-Water-Investment-Report-SFY2018.pdf
- R\_5 DEC Wetland Fee Report
  https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/2019-01-15-DEC-Wetland-Fee-Report.pdf