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Senate votes to maintain integrity of MTBE settlement funds

Funds restricted to protection and enhancement of safe drinking water and groundwater resources

Concord, NH – The Senate approved a bill that would establish a trust fund for restoration of drinking and groundwater as a result of the gasoline additive MTBE contamination issue facing many New Hampshire communities.

Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem), prime sponsor of the bill, SB 380, issued a statement following the vote.

“There is no question that protecting our drinking water and groundwater is a public health priority. This legislation ensures every dime collected by the State of New Hampshire as a result of damages and settlements from MTBE contamination be used only to remediate affected ground and drinking water and provide preventative measures to limit ground water contamination in the future,” said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem).

“This is a common-sense step towards protecting the MTBE settlement funds by guaranteeing that these funds will be used only to provide for the protection, preservation and enhancement of the drinking water and groundwater resources of New Hampshire,” said Morse.

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