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HOUSE BILL                    ***431***

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to study long term goals and requirements for drinking water in the seacoast area.

SPONSORS:                Rep. Messmer, Rock. 24; Rep. Bean, Rock. 21; Rep. Malloy, Rock. 23; Rep. T. Le, Rock. 31; Rep. R. Tilton, Rock. 37; Rep. H. Marsh, Rock. 22; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Berrien, Rock. 18; Rep. P. Gordon, Rock. 29; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Innis, Dist 24

COMMITTEE:              Resources, Recreation and Development

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ANALYSIS

          This bill establishes a commission to study long term goals and requirements for drinking water in the seacoast area.

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Explanation:            Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                              Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                              Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen*

AN ACT                establishing a commission to study long term goals and requirements for drinking water in the seacoast area.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            138:1 New Section; Seacoast Commission on Drinking Water. Amend RSA 485-F by inserting  
2 after section 4 the following new section:

3            485-F:5 Seacoast Commission on Long Term Goals and Requirements for Drinking Water.

4            I. There is established a commission to plan for long term goals and requirements for  
5 drinking water on the seacoast.

6            II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

7            (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
8 house of representatives.

9            (b) The member of the senate representing district 21 and the member of the senate  
10 representing district 24.

11           (c) A representative of Aquarion Water Company, appointed by that company, or its  
12 successor.

13           (d) A representative of the drinking water source protection program in the department  
14 of environmental services, appointed by the commissioner.

15           (e) A representative of the town of Rye, appointed by the governing body of that town.

16           (f) A representative of the town of New Castle, appointed by the governing body of that  
17 town.

18           (g) A representative of the town of North Hampton, appointed by the governing body of  
19 that town.

20           (h) A representative of the city of Portsmouth, appointed by the governing body of that  
21 city.

22           (i) The Rockingham county planning commissioner, or designee.

23           (j) A representative of the town of Seabrook, appointed by the governing body of that  
24 town.

25           (k) A representative of the town of Exeter, appointed by the governing body of that  
26 town.

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(l) A representative of the town of Greenland, appointed by the governing body of that town.

(m) An representative of the town of Newington, appointed by the governing body of that town.

(n) A representative of the town of Stratham, appointed by the governing body of that town.

(o) A representative of the town of Hampton, appointed by the governing body of that town.

(p) A representative of the city of Dover, appointed by the governing body of that city.

(q) A representative of the town of Madbury, appointed by the governing body of that town.

(r) A hydrogeologist from the United States Geological Survey, appointed by that organization.

(s) A hydrogeologist from the university of New Hampshire, appointed by the dean of the college of engineering and physical sciences.

III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

IV. The commission shall:

(a) Utilize and expand upon existing studies to plan for seasonal or drought supply issues.

(b) Prepare and discuss mutual aid between seacoast towns for firefighting.

(c) Prepare and discuss mutual aid agreements for emergency or replacement drinking water supply where contaminated.

(d) Create a centralized planning group to encourage coordination and support between towns.

(e) Evaluate threats to groundwater quality due to environmental issues.

(f) Monitor possible new emerging contaminant threats to groundwater and drinking water quality.

V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eleven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VI. The commission shall make an interim report of its findings on November 1, 2017, and a final report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the

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- 1 governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2018.
- 2 138:2 Repeal. RSA 485-F:5, relative to the commission on long term goals and requirements for
- 3 drinking water, is repealed.
- 4 138:3 Effective Date.
- 5 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2018.
- II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 16, 2017

Effective Date:

I. Section 2 effective November 1, 2018

II. Remainder effective June 16, 2017