

Amendment to HB 431

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Section; Seacoast Commission on Drinking Water. Amend RSA 485-F by inserting after
4 section 4 the following new section:

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

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

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

9 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
10 house of representatives.

11 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 town.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 IV. The commission shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 VI. The commission shall make an interim report of its findings on November 1, 2017, and a
33 final report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the
34 house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the
35 governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2018.

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1 2 Repeal. RSA 485-F:5, relative to the commission on long term goals and requirements for
2 drinking water, is repealed.

3 3 Effective Date.

4 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2018.

5 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.