

CHAPTER 64
SB 331- FINAL VERSION

2000 SESSION

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SENATE BILL 331

AN ACT requiring a report from the public utilities commission and the department of environmental services evaluating whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation.

SPONSORS: Sen. Russman, Dist 19; Sen. Cohen, Dist 24; Sen. Wheeler, Dist 21; Sen. Below, Dist 5; Rep. Blanchard, Rock 33; Rep. Bradley, Carr 8; Rep. Norelli, Rock 31; Rep. O'Connell, Hills 13; Rep. Richardson, Ches 12

COMMITTEE: Environment

ANALYSIS

This bill requires a report from the public utilities commission and the department of environmental services evaluating whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

64:1 Water Resources Management and Water Conservation; Regional Cooperation; Report by Public Utilities Commission and Department of Environmental Services.

I. The public utilities commission and the department of environmental services shall prepare a report which evaluates whether existing regulatory structures encourage or discourage regional cooperation for water resources management and water conservation. The report shall include:

(a) An analysis of the effect of public utilities statutes and rules on regional cooperation for water resources management;

(b) An analysis of how the authorizing statutes and the rules and policies of the public utilities commission and the department of environmental services affect water conservation in New Hampshire; and

(c) Findings and recommendations for future action to encourage water conservation and regional cooperation on water resources management matters.

II. The public utilities commission and the department of environmental services shall report their findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate environment, the senate energy and economic development, the house resources, recreation, and development, and the house science, technology, and energy committees, the governor, and the state library by June 30, 2001.

64:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

(Approved: April 17, 2000)

(Effective Date: June 16, 2000)