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HOUSE BILL ***1483***

AN ACT allowing subdivision regulations concerning water supply.

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COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill allows adoption of subdivision regulations to require water supply studies, determination of adequate water quantity for reasonably anticipated future water uses, and minimum on-lot private well testing requirements, and clarifies the applicants duty to pay associated costs.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 New Subparagraphs; Planning and Zoning; Subdivision Regulations; Water Supply. Amend RSA 674:36, II by inserting after subparagraph (o) the following new subparagraphs:

(p) Require a water supply study in accordance with local regulations adopted by the governing body. This provision shall not apply to community water systems or large groundwater withdrawals regulated under RSA 485 and RSA 485-C.

(q) Include provisions to ensure there is an adequate water quantity to support existing, proposed and reasonably anticipated future land and associated water uses and to ensure the protection of water dependent natural resources. Such provisions shall be established and administered in accordance with plans developed and approved in accordance with RSA 674:2. This provision shall not apply to community water systems or large groundwater withdrawals regulated under RSA 485 and RSA 485-C.

(r) Prescribe minimum on-lot private well testing requirements as to assure an adequate water supply. This provision shall not apply to community water systems or large groundwater withdrawals regulated under RSA 485 and RSA 485-C.

2 New Paragraph; Planning and Zoning; Subdivision Regulations; Costs. Amend RSA 674:36 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VII. The planning board may, as part of its subdivision regulations, require an applicant to pay all costs for notification of abutters and may provide for the assessment of reasonable fees to cover the board's administrative expenses and costs of special investigation and the review of documents and other matters which may be required by particular applications.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.