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HOUSE BILL ***1554***

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SPONSORS: Rep. McConkey, Carr. 8

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Specifies who in a municipality shall submit a quarterly report on culvert maintainers.

II. Requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services to regulate the cutting of native aquatic vegetation on submerged lands in public waters and certain publicly owned water bodies and establishes rulemaking authority to accomplish that.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

270:1 Excavating and Dredging Permit; Certain Exemptions. Amend RSA 482-A:3, XVIII to read as follows:

XVIII. The department shall develop a certification program for culvert maintainers, in accordance with paragraph XVII, and shall determine the educational requirements for certification, including continuing education requirements. Professional engineers who are duly licensed by the New Hampshire board of professional engineers are exempt from the program requirements of this section. ***The road agent, highway director, board of selectmen, or certified official of a municipality who supervises*** [~~All~~] certified individuals who perform such work ***in the municipality*** shall submit a quarterly report to the department fully identifying work that they performed during each quarter and documentation of continuing education requirements.

270:2 New Subdivision; Native Aquatic Vegetation. Amend RSA 482-A by inserting after section 482-A:35 the following new subdivision:

Native Aquatic Vegetation

482-A:36 Rulemaking. The commissioner shall regulate the cutting of native aquatic vegetation on submerged lands in public waters or public-owned water bodies regulated under RSA 482-A:16. The commissioner shall adopt rules to effect the requirements of this section in furtherance of the purpose enumerated in RSA 482-A:1.

270:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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Effective Date: September 24, 2024