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Introduced by Representatives Cina of Burlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of  
Middletown Springs, and Colburn of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; solid waste; land application;  
biosolids; septage; notice

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require public  
notice of the land application of biosolids or septage.

An act relating to public notice of land application of biosolids and septage

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6610 is added to read:

§ 6610. NOTICE OF LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS AND

SEPTAGE

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Biosolids” means sewage sludge that has been treated for the  
reduction of pathogens and that meets applicable requirements for contaminant  
concentrations, vector attraction reduction, and pathogen densities.

(2) “Septage” means the liquid and solid materials pumped from a septic  
tank or cesspool during cleaning.

1           (3) “Sludge” or “sewage sludge” means any solid, semisolid, or liquid  
2           generated from a municipal, commercial, or industrial wastewater treatment  
3           plant or process, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility,  
4           or any other waste having similar characteristics and effects.

5           (b) Notice. A person permitted under this chapter to land apply biosolids  
6           or septage shall provide public notice of the date, time, and location of the land  
7           application. The person shall provide the public notice:

8           (1) at least 48 hours before land application;

9           (2) by television or radio announcement that is broadcast in the  
10           municipality in which land application will occur;

11           (3) by publishing notice of the land application in a newspaper that is  
12           circulated in the municipality in which land application will occur;

13           (4) by publishing notice of the land application on at least two Internet  
14           news sites; and

15           (5) by posting notice of the land application on the person’s Internet  
16           website or any social media account maintained by the person.

17           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18           This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.