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Introduced by Representatives Gannon of Wilmington, Bock of Chester,  
Conquest of Newbury, Harrison of Chittenden, Kimbell of  
Woodstock, Pajala of Londonderry, Sibilialia of Dover, and Weed  
of Enosburgh

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; aid to municipalities; water supply;  
water pollution abatement; priorities

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the  
priorities for Agency of Natural Resources' grants for municipal water supply  
and pollution abatement projects by replacing the priority for projects located  
in a designated center with a priority for projects that reflect Vermont's  
traditional settlement patterns and minimize strip development or other  
unplanned development on high-quality farmland or important cultural  
landscapes.

An act relating to the priorities for water quality aid to municipalities

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

2 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 1628 is amended to read:

3 § 1628. PRIORITIES

4 The Department shall make grant awards under this chapter to eligible  
5 municipal water pollution abatement and control projects on the basis of need  
6 as determined according to a system of priorities adopted by rule by the  
7 Department and to the extent appropriate funds are available. The system of  
8 priorities shall require consideration of criteria, including:

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10 (9) whether the project ~~serves a designated center~~ reflects Vermont's  
11 traditional settlement patterns and minimizes strip development or other  
12 unplanned development on high-quality farmland or important cultural  
13 landscapes;

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15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.