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HOUSE BILL **634**

AN ACT relative to water resource management and protection plans in municipal master plans.

SPONSORS: Rep. Spang, Straf 6; Rep. Beaulieu, Hills 45; Rep. Schlachman, Rock 18; Rep. Borden, Rock 24; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits a municipality to include in its master plan a local water resource management and protection plan.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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

1 202:1 Master Plan; Purpose and Description. Amend RSA 674:2, III(d) to read as follows:

2 (d) A natural resources section which identifies and inventories any critical or sensitive
3 areas or resources, not only those in the local community, but also those shared with abutting
4 communities. This section [~~provides~~], ***which may specifically include a water resources***
5 ***management and protection plan, shall provide*** a factual basis for any land development
6 regulations that may be enacted to protect ***water resources and other identified*** natural areas. A
7 key component in preparing this section is to identify any conflicts between other elements of the
8 master plan and natural resources, as well as conflicts with plans of abutting communities.
9 ***Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to permit municipalities to regulate***
10 ***surface or groundwater withdrawals that they are explicitly prohibited from regulating.***

11 202:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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13 Approved: July 9, 2013

14 Effective Date: September 7, 2013