

HB 1467 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1467**

AN ACT relative to large groundwater withdrawal permits.

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COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of environmental services to terminate certain large groundwater withdrawal permits when required local building permits become null and void.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Large Groundwater Withdrawals; Permit Terminated. Amend RSA 485-C:21, VIII to read as
2 follows:

3 VIII. Before the department issues a large groundwater withdrawal permit, any
4 municipality in which a well is sited or proposed to be sited, or any municipality within the potential
5 impact area of the proposed withdrawal pursuant to paragraph V-e, may require the department to
6 determine that the withdrawal will not infringe on the public's use of groundwater, including any
7 contribution to wetlands and surface waters, by ensuring that the requirements of paragraph V-c are
8 met. The department's determination shall be based on substantial evidence and shall include the
9 methods, evidence, and data it used to support its judgment. After the department issues a large
10 groundwater withdrawal permit, such municipality may require the department to provide a written
11 finding describing the status of a decision issued by the department on an application submitted
12 under this section. When a local building permit directly related to a large groundwater withdrawal
13 activity expires or becomes null and void, or both, ***the department shall terminate such large***
14 ***groundwater withdrawal permit immediately provided no construction activities have***
15 ***commenced, or no rights have vested under RSA 674:39.*** [~~The department shall determine if~~
16 ~~the change in status of such local permit affects the decision the department made on the~~
17 ~~application.~~]

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.