

**SWDMA 2021 Bill Report**

Bill	Sponsors	Description	Status
<b>Bills That Saw Legislative Action</b>			
<a href="#">H 175</a>	Rep. James McCullough	<p>An Act Relating to The Beverage Container Redemption System</p> <p>As passed by the House, this bill expands the beverage container deposit-redemption system to include water bottles, wine bottles, and containers for all noncarbonated and carbonated drinks, except for milk, and dairy products and plant-based milks and increases the handling fee for non-commingled containers from \$.04 to \$.05 per container. As introduced, the bill also proposed to increase the deposit on all beverage containers, except those containing liquor, from \$.05 to \$.10. The deposit increase was scrapped by House lawmakers.</p>	<p><b>Committees:</b> House Ways and Means; House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife; House Appropriations; Senate Rules</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Passed the House on 4/20/21. It was referred to the Senate Rules Committee because it came to the Senate after the crossover deadline. It was not considered by the Senate. It will be referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee when the legislature returns in January.</p>
<a href="#">H 446</a>	House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife	<p>An Act Relating to Miscellaneous Natural Resources And Development Subjects</p> <p>This bill proposes changes to miscellaneous natural resources and development subjects. Included in the bill is language negotiated between SWDMA members and ANR officials regarding transfers from the Solid Waste Management Fund to the Environmental Contingency Fund. Specifically, the language requires that “prior to any transfer of funds from the Solid Waste Management Assistance Account to the Environmental Contingency Fund, and after all Agency program costs are covered, an additional 10 percent of the receipts of the Solid Waste Management Assistance Account shall be allocated under subdivision 6618(b)(9) of this title.”</p>	<p><b>Committees:</b> House Ways and Means; House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife; House Appropriations; Senate Rules</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Passed the House on 4/27/21. It was referred to the Senate Rules Committee because it came to the Senate after the crossover deadline. It was not considered by the Senate. It will be referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee when the legislature returns in January.</p>

<a href="#">S 102</a>	Senate Committee on Agriculture	<p>An Act Relating to The Regulation of Agricultural Inputs For Farming</p> <p>As passed, this addresses a number of agricultural subjects, and includes provisions relating to regulation by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets of on-farm food-residual composting.</p>	<p><b>Committees:</b> House Ways and Means; House Agriculture and Forestry; Senate Natural Resources and Energy; Senate Finance; House Appropriations</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Signed by Governor on May 20, 2021 (05/21/21)</p>
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**Bills Introduced But Not Considered During 2021 Session**

<a href="#">H 3</a>	Rep. James McCullough	<p>An Act Relating to The Land Application Of Sludge And Septage</p> <p>This bill proposes to prohibit the land application of sludge or septage except for the land application of exceptional quality biosolids. The bill would require municipally owned wastewater treatment facilities to accept septage for treatment. The bill would establish a Biosolids Conversion Special Fund to provide grants to municipal wastewater facilities for the purpose of converting septage and sludge to exceptional quality biosolids.</p>	<p>Committees: House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife (01/07/21)</p>
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<a href="#">H 14</a>	Rep. James Harrison	<p>An Act Relating to The Effectiveness Of The Beverage Container Redemption System</p> <p>This bill proposes to require the Secretary of Natural Resources to report to the General Assembly and the Vermont Climate Council regarding the effectiveness of the beverage container redemption system.</p>	<p>Committees: House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife (01/07/21)</p>
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<p><a href="#">H 48</a></p>	<p>Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas</p>	<p>An Act Relating To Authorizing Alternative Procedures For 2021 Annual Municipal Meetings In Response To Covid-19</p> <p>In response to COVID-19, this bill proposes to: (1) authorize municipalities to move the date of their 2021 annual meeting; (2) authorize municipalities to mail out annual meeting Australian ballots to all active, registered municipal voters; and (3) authorize the Secretary of State to order or permit supplemental elections procedures related to these 2021 annual municipal meeting provisions.</p>	<p>Committees: House Government Operations; Senate Government Operations</p> <p>Status: House message: Governor approved bill on January 19, 2021 (01/20/21)</p>
<p><a href="#">H 69</a></p>	<p>Rep. James Harrison</p>	<p>An Act Relating To The Intentional Release Of Balloons</p> <p>This bill proposes to prohibit the intentional release within a 24-hour period of five or more balloons inflated with gas that is lighter than air.</p>	<p>Committees: House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife (01/13/21)</p>
<p><a href="#">H 115</a></p>	<p>Rep. Gabrielle Stebbins; Rep. Mari Cordes; Rep. Carol Ode; Rep. Avram Patt; Rep. Trevor Squirrell; Rep. Maida Townsend; Rep. Tommy Walz; Rep. Rebecca White; Rep. Michael Yantachka</p>	<p>An Act Relating To Household Products Containing Hazardous Substances</p> <p>This program would require that manufacturers of household products containing a hazardous substance participate in a stewardship organization and implement a plan to collect household products containing a hazardous substance free of charge to the public.</p>	<p>Committees: House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife (01/26/21)</p>

<p><a href="#">H 142</a></p>	<p>Rep. Amy Sheldon</p>	<p>An Act Relating To Extended Producer Responsibility For Packaging And Paper Products</p> <p>This bill proposes to require parties responsible for the production or distribution of packaging and paper products to implement or participate in a plan for the collection and management of recyclable packaging and paper products.</p>	<p>Committees: House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife (01/27/21)</p>
<p><a href="#">H 259</a></p>	<p>Rep. Carl Rosenquist</p>	<p>An Act Relating To The Beverage Container Redemption System</p> <p>This bill proposes to expand the scope of the beverage container deposit-redemption system to include alcoholic cider, alcoholic seltzer, and containers for all noncarbonated and carbonated drinks, except for noncarbonated water, milk, rice milk, soy milk, almond milk, hemp seed milk, and dairy products.</p>	<p>Committees: House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife (02/16/21)</p>
<p><a href="#">H 382</a></p>	<p>Rep. Lucy Rogers</p>	<p>An Act Relating To Establishing A Working Group On Ecologically Sustainable Sanitation</p> <p>This bill proposes to create a working group to study alternative wastewater treatment systems.</p>	<p>Committees: House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife (03/09/21)</p>

<p><a href="#">H 423</a></p>	<p>Rep. James McCullough</p>	<p>An Act Relating To Prohibiting The Sale Of In-sink Garbage Disposals</p> <p>This bill proposes to prohibit the sale of in-sink garbage disposals in Vermont in order to reduce the operational and infrastructure costs faced by wastewater treatment facilities that must manage the food solids produced by in-sink garbage disposals.</p>	<p>Committees: House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife (03/10/21)</p>
<p><a href="#">S 126</a></p>	<p>Sen. Richard Westman</p>	<p>An Act Relating To The Collection And Recycling Of Electronic Waste</p> <p>This bill proposes to amend the requirements for the collection and recycling of electronic waste in the State by requiring manufacturers of covered electronic devices to submit a plan for collection of electronic waste as part of a manufacturer's clearinghouse or individually. The Agency of Natural Resources would no longer issue a Standard Plan implemented by a contracted entity.</p>	<p>Committees: Senate Natural Resources and Energy</p> <p>Status: Read 1st time &amp; referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy (03/17/21)</p>