Background: The bill’s statement of purpose reads as follows:

This bill proposes to establish the Vermont Clean Water Authority to coordinate, manage, plan, and ensure accountability of the efforts of the State to clean up impaired waters, maintain and achieve the Vermont Water Quality Standards in all waters, and prevent the future degradation of waters. The bill would also establish a Clean Water Assessment on all parcels in the State. Monies collected under the Clean Water Assessment would be deposited in the Vermont Water Quality Fund to fund water quality improvement projects in the State.

Sections of the bill are as follows:

Section 1: FINDINGS
Section 2. 10 V.S.A. chapter 47, subchapter 3a is added to read
Subchapter 3a. Vermont Clean Water Authority
§1351. PURPOSE
§1352. DEFINITIONS
§1353. VERMONT CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY
§1354. VERMONT CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY: POWERS AND DUTIES
   (a) General authority
   (b) Water quality financing
   (c) Financing plans
   (d) Assessment criteria: recommendations
   (e) Cooperative agreements; transfers
§1355. COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT
   (a) Board; appointment
   (b) Member terms
   (c) Board officers; meetings; decisions
   (d) Staff
   (e) Public body; public agency
§1356. CLEAN WATER ASSESSMENT
   (a) Assessment; administration
   (b) Assessment; amount
   (c) Exemption
   (d) Calculation
§1357. RULEMAKING; PRIORITIES; ADJUSTMENTS; CREDIT
   (a) General authority
   (b) Fee Adjustment; criteria; parcel category
   (c) Priorities for award
   (d) Conditions; terms of grants or awards
§1358. COLLECTION OF CLEAN WATER ASSESSMENT
   (a) Collection
   (b) Municipal Retention
   (c) Remittance
   (d) Insufficient payments
   (e) Offset
   (f) Form or format
   (g) Abatement
   (h) Disposition
§1359. VERMONT WATER QUALITY FUND
§1360. ANNUAL REPORT
§1361. PROGRAM AUDIT OF VERMONT CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY
Section 3: TRANSITION; IMPLEMENTATION
Section 4: REPEAL
Section 5: REPEAL OF ACT 64 CLEAN WATER FUND
Section 6: EFFECTIVE DATE