

Amendment to HB 475

1 Amend RSA 485-A:44-a as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 485-A:44-a Shoreland Septic System Study Commission.

4 I. There is established a commission to study the potential impairment of surface waters in
5 New Hampshire by non-state approved septic systems, in the context of private property rights of
6 landowners.

7 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

8 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of
9 the resources, recreation, and development committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives.

11 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

12 (c) A regional planner, nominated by the office of strategic initiatives.

13 (d) A certified septic system evaluator and a certified septic system designer, both
14 appointed by the Granite State Designers and Installers Association.

15 (e) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions,
16 appointed by that organization.

17 (f) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

18 (g) A representative of realtors, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of
19 Realtors.

20 (h) A representative of a bank involved in financing residential properties, appointed by
21 the governor.

22 (i) A member who represents the interests of state lakes, appointed by the New
23 Hampshire Lakes Association (NH Lakes).

24 (j) A member who represents the interests of state rivers, appointed by the New
25 Hampshire Rivers Council.

26 (k) A representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by that
27 association.

28 (l) The Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper, or designee.

29 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
30 when attending to the duties of the commission.

31 IV. The commission may solicit information from any person or entity the commission
32 deems relevant to its study.

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1 V. The commission shall:

2 (a) Develop approaches for achieving cooperation among communities, private property
3 owners, environmental nonprofit groups, and state and federal agencies in solving the problem of
4 inadequate septic systems.

5 (b) Determine the most effective method for identifying potential non-state approved
6 septic systems located within 75 feet of surface waters.

7 (c) Determine what approach or approaches that respect private property rights can be
8 take to effect remediation of septic systems on private property, including regulatory, educational,
9 and financial incentives.

10 (d) Consider the ramifications of climate resilience, such as future groundwater and sea
11 level rise, on the design and location of septic systems.

12 (e) Consider any other issues the commission deems relevant to its study.

13 VI. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
14 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first
15 meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Six
16 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

17 VII. The commission shall submit an interim report on or before November 1, 2019, and a
18 final report on or before November 1, 2020, of its findings and any recommendations for proposed
19 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the
20 chairperson of the house resources, recreation and development committee, the chairperson of the
21 senate energy and natural resources committee, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and
22 the state library.