

## How An Idea Becomes Law (Hopefully)

### I. Chronology to Date

- A. Before 2007 – many tire deposit/disposal bills introduced.
- B. In 2007:
  - 1. Two deposit bills introduced.
  - 2. One disposal fee bill introduced.
  - 3. First readings – bills read by title only.
  - 4. Assigned to Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources Committee.
  - 5. No hearings.
- C. May, 2007 – Haines asks Anderson (D-Montpelier) to work on bill. McCullough (D-Williston) agrees to help.
- D. June, 2007 – Anderson and McCullough meet with Chittenden Solid Waste District, Central Vermont Solid Waste District, Mad River Solid Waste Alliance, Solid Waste Division at ANR, and a leading tire dealer.
- E. July, 2007 – Anderson and McCullough request that an advance disposal fee be drafted.  
  
Bill is circulated.  
  
Tire dealers question need for bill.  
  
Anderson and McCullough write planners, solid waste districts, and newspapers asking if there is a problem.
- F. August, 2007 – Responses – See attached.
- G. September, 2007 – Press coverage of two clean-ups.  
  
Bill redrafted and recirculated.  
  
Anderson meets with students and tire dealers.  
  
Fish, Wildlife, and Water Resources Committee holds a hearing.

- H. October, 2007 – Anderson and McCullough meet with, among others, Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste Board, solid waste recycling coordinators, Car Dealers Association and request endorsements from leading environmental groups.

Bill redrafted and recirculated.

## II. Next Steps

- A. December 1 – Bill finalized as draft.
- B. December – Sponsorships requested. Endorsements requested.
- C. January 8, 2008 – Legislature reconvenes.

Bill introduced and read first time.

Assigned to Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources Committee:

Representative David Deen, Putney  
Representative Loren Shaw, Derby  
Representative Jim McCullough, Williston  
Representative Steven Adams, Hartland  
Representative Jon Anderson, Montpelier  
Representative Gale Courcelle, Rutland  
Representative William Johnson, Canaan  
Representative Cynthia Martin, Springfield  
Representative Dexter Randall, North Troy

- D. January – Hearings. Bill passes.

Reviewed by Appropriations Committee:

Representative Martha Heath, Westford  
Representative Mark Larson, Burlington  
Representative Robert Helm, Fair Haven  
Representative Joe Acinapura, Brandon  
Representative Donald Bostic, St. Johnsbury  
Representative Peter Hunt, Essex Junction  
Representative Jim Hutchinson, Randolph  
Representative Mitzi Johnson, South Hero  
Representative Kathleen Keenan, St. Albans  
Representative Alice Miller, Shaftsbury  
Representative John Morley, Orleans

E. Reviewed by Ways & Means Committee:

Representative Michael Obuchowski, Bellows Falls  
Representative Harvey Otterman, West Topsham  
Representative Shap Smith, Morrisville  
Representative William Aswad, Burlington  
Representative Carolyn Branagan, Georgia  
Representative Jim Condon, Colchester  
Representative Steven Howard, Rutland  
Representative Richard Hube, South Londonderry  
Representative Mary Peterson, Williston  
Representative David Sharpe, Bristol  
Representative Philip Winters, Williamstown

F. Bill to House floor for second reading.

If passed, bill to House floor for third reading.

Bill sent to Senate for first reading.

Assigned probably to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy:

Senator Virginia Lyons, Williston  
Senator Mark MacDonald, Williamstown  
Senator Robert Hartwell, Manchester Center  
Senator Richard McCormack, Bethel  
Senator Diane Snelling, Hinesburg

If approved, reviewed by Finance Committee:

Senator Ann Cummings, Montpelier  
Senator Claire Ayer, Weybridge  
Senator Bill Carris, Rutland  
Senator James Condos, South Burlington  
Senator Mark MacDonald, Williamstown  
Senator Hull Maynard, Shrewsbury  
Senator Richard McCormack, Bethel

And Appropriations Committee:

Senator Susan Bartlett, Hyde Park  
Senator Jane Kitchel, Danville  
Senator Vincent Illuzzi, Newport  
Senator Hinda Miller, Burlington  
Senator Richard Sears, North Bennington  
Senator Peter Shumlin, Putney

Senator Diane Snelling, Hinesburg

If recommended, to Senate floor for second reading.

If passed, to Senate floor for third reading.

If different, Conference Committee.

Then to House.

Then to Senate.