

1 Introduced by Representative Cina of Burlington

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Conservation and development; solid waste; land application; septage;
5 sludge

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
7 land application of biosolids and septage in the State.

8 An act relating to prohibiting the land application of septage and biosolids

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6610 is added to read:

11 § 6610. PROHIBITION OF LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS AND
12 SEPTAGE

13 (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

14 (1) “Biosolids” means sewage sludge that has been treated for the
15 reduction of pathogens and that meets applicable requirements for contaminant
16 concentrations, vector attraction reduction, and pathogen densities.

17 (2) “Septage” means the liquid and solid materials pumped from a septic
18 tank or cesspool during cleaning.

19 (3) “Sludge” or “sewage sludge” means any solid, semisolid, or liquid
20 generated from a municipal, commercial, or industrial wastewater treatment

1 plant or process, water supply treatment plant, air pollution control facility, or
2 any other waste having similar characteristics and effects.

3 (b) Prohibition. The land application of biosolids or sludge in the State is
4 prohibited.

5 (c) Management. Biosolids, septage, and sludge shall be disposed of in a
6 solid waste facility certified under this chapter to manage biosolids, septage, or
7 sludge.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.