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SENATE BILL **452-FN**

AN ACT requiring certain state agencies to conduct an audit of laws governing coastal regions to enable authorities to take appropriate actions.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Rep. F. Rice, Rock. 21; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Borden, Rock. 24

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires certain state agencies to conduct an audit of laws governing coastal regions to enable authorities to take appropriate actions.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen*

AN ACT                    requiring certain state agencies to conduct an audit of laws governing coastal regions to enable authorities to take appropriate actions.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

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2            195:1 Coastal and Great Bay Region Audit; Agency Projects.

3            I. State agencies, including but not limited to the department of environmental services, the  
4 department of resources and economic development, the department of transportation, and the fish  
5 and game department shall each conduct an audit of existing state statutes, rules, and agency  
6 policies governing state properties, projects, and actions in the coastal and Great Bay regions to  
7 determine any changes necessary so that authorities can adequately address and enable  
8 appropriate state actions and local actions necessary to prepare for flood risks, such as projected  
9 storm surge, sea-level rise, and precipitation events. Agencies shall use the best available projected  
10 coastal flooding risks, such as those in the Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission 2014 report,  
11 "Sea-level Rise, Storm Surges, and Extreme Precipitation in Coastal New Hampshire: Analysis of  
12 Past and Projected Future Trends."

13            II. State agencies conducting an audit under paragraph I shall submit an interim report by  
14 November 1, 2017 and a final report by November 1, 2018. The report shall include audit findings  
15 and recommendations and be submitted to the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
16 president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library.

17            III. New Hampshire state agencies involved in planning, siting, and design of state-funded  
18 structures and facilities, public works projects, and transportation projects, as well as land  
19 acquisition and management and other environmental activities in the coastal and Great Bay  
20 regions of New Hampshire, shall reference the 2014 Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission report,  
21 "Sea-level Rise, Storm Surges, and Extreme Precipitation in Coastal New Hampshire: Analysis of  
22 Past and Projected Future Trends," as updated, for guidance on all potentially affected activities.  
23 Agencies shall develop, as possible and appropriate, uniform standards of guidance, in conformity,  
24 as may be necessary due to federal actions.

25            195:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

26            Approved: June 6, 2016

27            Effective Date: June 6, 2016

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