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**Message from Governor**

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the twenty sixth day of May, 2011, he returned a bill originating in the Senate of the following title without his signature:

**S. 77** An act relating to water testing of private wells.

The Governor provided the following explanation:

“We have a responsibility with every bill that we pass to ensure that we are not imposing costs on hardworking Vermonters in rural areas. Every mandate from Montpelier must be balanced with this reality. Vermonters, on average, are earning what they made ten years ago. The vast majority of Vermont’s well water is clean and safe. The General Assembly’s desire to promote safe drinking water is one we all share, but I don’t believe the government should mandate the testing of every single new well, with the cost and burden on individual private property owners that this bill would impose.”

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