

1 H.739

2 Introduced by Representatives Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs,

3 Conquest of Newbury, and Lewis of Berlin

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Conservation and development; land use; energy; historic

7 preservation; energy efficiency

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to elevate the  
9 importance of using energy efficient building components when renovating  
10 historic buildings.

11 An act relating to historic preservation and energy efficiency

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

13 Sec. 1. 22 V.S.A. § 723(d) is added to read:

14 (d) When making recommendations to permitting authorities concerning  
15 the alteration or renovation of an historic building and reviewing requests to  
16 exempt such a building under the building energy standards adopted pursuant  
17 to 30 V.S.A. chapter 2, the Division shall support and seek the installation of  
18 components that allow the building to meet equivalent energy performance to  
19 the greatest extent possible consistent with the characteristics of the building  
20 that contribute to its historic significance. As used in this section:

1           (1) “Equivalent energy performance” means that the overall energy  
2           performance of an historic building is at least as efficient as the performance  
3           that would result from applying to the structure the requirements under the  
4           building energy standards adopted under 30 V.S.A. chapter 2 for an existing  
5           structure that is not an historic building.

6           (2) “Historic building” has the same meaning as in the residential and  
7           commercial building energy standards adopted under 30 V.S.A. chapter 2 as  
8           amended effective on March 1, 2015.

9           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.