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6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Historic preservation division; department of buildings and general  
9 services

10 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to transfer the division for historic  
11 preservation from the department of housing and community affairs to the  
12 department of buildings and general services.

13 An act relating to transferring the Division for Historic Preservation from  
14 the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to the Department of  
15 Buildings and General Services

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

17 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 2283a is amended to read:

18 § 2283a. DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES

19 The department of buildings and general services is created in the agency of  
20 administration as the successor to and continuation of the department of  
21 buildings and the department of general services. In addition to all other

1 responsibilities assigned to it by law, the department is responsible for all  
2 matters relating to the development, design, construction, management and  
3 disposal of state-owned and leased buildings and for the provision of support  
4 services to state government, including purchasing services, public record  
5 storage, and central data processing, and shall include the division for historic  
6 preservation.

7 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 2402(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) An agency of commerce and community development is created  
9 consisting of the following:

- 10 (1) The department of economic development.
- 11 (2) The department of housing and community affairs.
- 12 (3) ~~The division for historic preservation.~~ [Repealed]
- 13 (4) Vermont Life magazine.
- 14 (5) The department of tourism and marketing.

15 Sec. 3. 3 V.S.A. § 2472(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) The department of housing and community affairs is created within the  
17 agency of commerce and community development. The department shall:

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19 (4) In partnership with the division for historic preservation of the  
20 department of buildings and general services, direct, supervise, and administer

1 the Vermont downtown program, and any other program designed to preserve  
2 the continued economic vitality of the state's traditional commercial districts.

3 Sec. 4. 22 V.S.A. § 701(7) is amended to read:

4 (7) "Secretary" means the secretary of the agency of ~~commerce and~~  
5 ~~community development~~ administration.

6 Sec. 5. 22 V.S.A. § 721 is amended to read:

7 § 721. CREATION OF DIVISION

8 The division for historic preservation is created ~~under section 2473 of~~  
9 Title 3 within the department of buildings and general services as the successor  
10 to and the continuation of the division for historic preservation within the  
11 department of housing and community affairs to coordinate historic  
12 preservation activities on behalf of the state.

13 Sec. 6. 22 V.S.A. § 722a is added to read:

14 § 722a. HISTORIC SITE MARKERS PROGRAM

15 A program for the erection of historic site markers is created within the  
16 division for historic preservation and shall be administered by the state historic  
17 preservation officer. The preservation officer shall annually recommend 30  
18 sites for the funding of historic site markers to the house committee on  
19 corrections and institutions and senate committee on institutions, and shall  
20 oversee the erection, restoration and maintenance of historic site markers. In  
21 performing these duties, the preservation officer shall consult with the

1 Vermont Historical Society, the University of Vermont Historic Preservation  
2 Program, the Preservation Trust of Vermont, and other similar entities.

3 Sec. 7. 22 V.S.A. § 724(a)(1) is amended to read:

4 (1) Receipts from ticket sales at state-owned historic sites.

5 Notwithstanding subdivision 603(2) of Title 32, fees for admission to historic  
6 sites shall be set by the state historic preservation officer, with the approval of  
7 the commissioner of ~~housing and community affairs~~ buildings and general  
8 services, in a manner that both maximizes revenues and promotes the tourism  
9 purposes of historic sites, but not to exceed \$8.00 for a single admission.

10 These fees shall be reported in accordance with section 605 of Title 32;

11 Sec. 8. 24 V.S.A. § 5602 is amended to read:

12 § 5602. HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

13 There is established an historic preservation grant program which shall be  
14 administered by the division for historic preservation in the ~~agency of~~  
15 ~~commerce and community development~~ department of buildings and general  
16 services. Grants shall be made available to municipalities and nonprofit  
17 tax-exempt organizations on a one-for-one matching basis for restoring  
18 buildings and structures.



1       Sec. 11. REPEAL

2             3 V.S.A. §§ 2472a (historic site marker program in the department of  
3       housing and community affairs) and 2473 (division for historic preservation  
4       within the department of housing and community affairs) are repealed.