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2 Introduced by Representatives McDonald of Berlin, Atkins of Winooski,

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5 Sweaney of Windsor and Townsend of Randolph

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Executive; commerce; labor

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to rename the agency of commerce
10 and community development as the agency of commerce and labor and merge
11 the department of labor into that agency. The agency of commerce and labor
12 would then have three departments: the department of promotion, the
13 department of commerce, and the department of labor.

14 An act relating to merging the agency of commerce and community
15 development and the department of labor

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

1 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 212 is amended to read:

2 § 212. DEPARTMENTS CREATED

3 The following administrative departments are hereby created, through the
4 instrumentality of which the governor, under the constitution, shall exercise
5 ~~such~~ those functions as are by law assigned to each department respectively:

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7 (22) The department of environmental conservation

8 (23) The department of promotion

9 (24) The department of commerce.

10 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 2401(1) is amended to read:

11 (1) Agency: The agency of commerce and ~~community development~~
12 labor.

13 Sec. 3. 3 V.S.A. § 2402 is amended to read:

14 § 2402. CREATION OF AGENCY

15 (a) An agency of commerce and ~~community development~~ labor is created
16 consisting of the following:

17 (1) The department of ~~economic development~~ promotion.

18 (2) The department of ~~housing and community affairs~~ commerce.

19 (3) ~~The division for historic preservation.~~

20 (4) Vermont Life magazine.

21 ~~(5)~~(4) The department of ~~tourism and marketing~~ labor.

1 (b) The agency shall contain ~~an administrative support division~~ the
2 following divisions:

3 (1) the division of administration.

4 (2) the division for historic preservation.

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6 Sec. 4. 21 V.S.A. § 1(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) The department of labor is hereby created within the agency of
8 commerce and labor to administer the laws relating to labor in chapter 1,
9 subchapters 4 and 5 of chapter 3, and chapters 5, 9, and 12 through 17 of this
10 title and other laws assigned to the department for administration. There shall
11 be within the department the apprenticeship council and other boards, councils,
12 and committees specially assigned to the department.

13 Sec. 5. STATUTORY REVISION

14 Where the following terms appear in the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as
15 appropriate:

16 (1) The term “secretary of commerce and labor” shall be substituted for
17 the term “secretary of commerce and community development.”

18 (2) The term “agency of commerce and labor” shall be substituted for
19 the term “agency of commerce and community development.”