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7 of Colchester

8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Labor; safety; new installations

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the
12 requirement to provide vertical access to upper floors from 1,000 square feet to
13 3,000 square feet.

14 An act relating to elevators

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

16 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 158 is added to read:

17 § 158. NEW CONSTRUCTION

18 In a public building, except a shopping center, shopping mall, health care
19 provider, or a terminal, depot, or other public transportation terminal, an
20 accessible route by elevator or platform lift is not required for:

1 (1) A multi-family dwelling unit in a building which consists of three
2 stories or fewer, Unless required by federal law.

3 (2) A two-story retail establishment with a total of 15,000 square feet or
4 less.

5 (3) A three-story retail establishment with less than 3,000 square feet
6 per story.

7 (4) A story or floor less than 3,000 square feet. Storage, stairwell,
8 elevator, or vertical lift, shaft, and mechanical spaces are exempt from the
9 3,000 square foot calculation.

10 (5) A mezzanine in a one-story building.

11 (6) A story or floor used for storage that is accessed only on an
12 infrequent basis or is not occupiable.

13 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY RULES; VERMONT

14 ACCESS RULES; ADAPTABLE AND VISITABLE STANDARDS

15 FOR DWELLINGS

16 The Department shall adopt rules to reflect the changes adopted pursuant to
17 this act.

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on passage.