

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 168

An act relating to making miscellaneous amendments to laws governing municipalities.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3. to read Sec. 3. [Deleted.]

Second: In Sec. 4, 20 V.S.A. § 3621, by striking out subdivision (a)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers ~~or~~ constables, pound keepers, ~~or elected~~ or appointed animal control officers, directing them to proceed forthwith to impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers thereof.

Third: In Sec. 6, 17 V.S.A. § 2651d, in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by striking out the words “by Australian ballot”

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 10 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 10 to read Sec. 10. [Deleted.]

Fifth: In Sec. 11, 24 V.S.A. § 2291, by striking out subdivision (26) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (26) to read:

(26) When a disaster or emergency has been declared by the Governor, a municipal building inspector, health officer, fire marshal, or zoning administrator may declare condemned to be destroyed a property that has been damaged in the disaster or emergency and is dangerous to life, health, or safety due to the disaster-related damage. The local legislative body may require that an official receive training on disaster-related condemnation before he or she may condemn property under this subdivision. The owner of property condemned under this subdivision may appeal the condemnation according to the condemnation appeals procedure of chapter 83 of this title, provided that any appeal to the Superior Court shall be to the Civil Division.

Sixth: By adding a Sec. 11a to read:

Sec. 11a. DISASTER CONDEMNATION TRAINING

On or before July 1, 2015, the Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Public Safety, shall develop condemnation guidance for inclusion in disaster training and education for local officials. The guidance shall include:

(1) methods of inspection of buildings and structures damaged by natural disaster; and

(2) standards for condemnation of buildings and structures damaged by natural disaster.