

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House  
3 Bill No. 794 entitled “An act relating to municipal authority to repair vacant  
4 buildings” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends  
5 that the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
6 in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 2291 is amended to read:

8 § 2291. ENUMERATION OF POWERS

9 For the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, welfare, and  
10 convenience, a town, city, or incorporated village shall have the following  
11 powers:

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13 (13)(A) To compel the cleaning ~~or~~, repair, or removal of any premises  
14 which in the judgment of the legislative body is dangerous to the health or  
15 safety of the public.

16 (B) To compel the owner of a vacant building in a downtown area,  
17 designated downtown, growth center, village center, new town center, or  
18 Vermont neighborhood that is damaged or in a state of disrepair such that the  
19 building has missing or boarded windows or doors; collapsing or missing  
20 walls, roof, or floor; fire damage; or a foundation that is structurally faulty to  
21 repair the building. If the building’s owner fails to repair the building within

