1	DRAFT AMENDMENT LANGUAGE ON H.542 FROM HOUSE

2 COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOREST PRODUCTS

- 3 <u>First</u>: By striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 4 following:

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- 5 Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 9741 is amended to read:
- 6 § 9741. SALES NOT COVERED
- Retail sales and use of the following shall be exempt from the tax on retail sales imposed under section 9771 of this title and the use tax imposed under section 9773 of this title.

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(3) Agriculture feeds, seed, plants, baler twine, silage bags, agricultural wrap, sheets of plastic for bunker covers, liming materials, breeding and other livestock, semen breeding fees, baby chicks, turkey poults, agriculture chemicals other than pesticides, veterinary supplies, and bedding; and compost, animal manure, manipulated animal manure, planting mix, fertilizers and pesticides for use and consumption directly in the production for sale of tangible personal property on farms, including stock, dairy, poultry, fruit and truck farms, orchards, nurseries, or in greenhouses or other similar structures used primarily for the raising of agricultural or horticultural commodities for sale.

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1	(49) Clean high carbon bulking agents, as that term is used in the
2	Agency of Natural Resources' Solid Waste Management Rules, used for
3	commercial or on-farm composting, and food residuals used for commercial or
4	on-farm composting or on-farm energy production;
5	(50) Compost, animal manure, manipulated animal manure, and planting
6	mix when any of these items are sold in a form that is not pre-packaged.
7	Second: By striking out Sec. 3 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
8	the following:
9	Sec. 3. STATUTORY PURPOSE
10	The statutory purpose of the exemptions for composting materials, compost,
11	animal manure, manipulated animal manure, and planting mix in 32 V.S.A.
12	§ 9741(3), (49), and (50) is to make clear the General Assembly never intended
13	those products to be taxed under prior law, to support the composting industry,
14	and to further the goals of 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 148. The Office of
15	Legislative Council is authorized to place these statutory purposes in the
16	appropriate statutory sections prior to July 1, 2014.
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18	(Committee vote:)
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20	Representative [surname]
21	FOR THE COMMITTEE