

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 168 entitled “An act relating to making miscellaneous amendments to laws
4 governing municipalities” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
5 and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended
6 as follows:

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

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

1 Second: By adding a Sec. 11a to read:

2 Sec. 11a. DISASTER CONDEMNATION TRAINING

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

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

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

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15 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE