

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

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

11 (a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a  
12 warrant to one or more police officers ~~or~~ constables, pound keepers, ~~or elected~~  
13 or appointed animal control officers, directing them to proceed forthwith to  
14 impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed  
15 according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section  
16 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers  
17 thereof.

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

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

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

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

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

14        Sec. 11a. DISASTER CONDEMNATION TRAINING

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

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

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

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7           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE