

SECTION 5

AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SEC. 5 APPROPRIATIONS: AGENCY OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. The following sum of \$568,000 is requested for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 in total to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The Commissioner is authorized to direct funds appropriated in this Section to the projects contained in this Section; the individual allocations in this Section are estimates only:

A. Major Maintenance \$400,000

Funds are requested to address deferred maintenance assuring that the eighty-one (81) structures are properly maintained at the State-Owned Historic Sites. Ongoing maintenance and repairs will protect the infrastructure and prevent more costly capital work in the future. Repairs such as foundations, roofs, structural deficiencies, furnace replacements, ADA compliance, exterior painting, upgrades to fire and security systems, and water and septic systems are undertaken with these funds.

B. Bennington Monument ~ Elevator..... \$168,000

The elevator accessing the 306-foot Bennington Battle Monument's viewing platform, from which you can see three states, is 62 years old and badly in need of replacement. Repairs are no longer viable for this aged elevator, which has brought more than 1,200,000 visitors to view the landscape of Vermont since its installation. The gift shop, estimated to have been erected in 1891, is greatly in need of roofing and dormer repairs. This building is the State's most visited gift shop and must be properly maintained to prevent further deterioration.

