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Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of  
Montpelier

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal law; municipal charters; City of Montpelier; amendment

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve  
amendments to the charter of the City of Montpelier.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of  
Montpelier

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City  
of Montpelier as set forth in this act. Proposals of amendments were approved  
by the voters on March 1, 2016.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 5 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 5. CITY OF MONTPELIER

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Subchapter 7. City Ordinances

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1     § 709. REGULATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND SOURCES

2             The City shall have the authority to regulate its public water supply and  
3     public water sources in order to protect the water supply and sources from  
4     corruption. The City's water supply sources include Berlin Pond in the Town  
5     of Berlin.

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7             Subchapter 12. Assessment and Collection of Taxes; Establishment of Water  
8   and Heat Rates

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10     § 1214. LOCAL OPTION TAXES

11             Local option taxes are authorized under this section for the purpose of  
12     affording the City an alternative method of raising municipal revenues.

13     Accordingly:

14             (1) The City Council may assess rooms, meals, and alcohol taxes of one  
15     percent.

16             (2) Any tax imposed under the authority of this section shall be  
17     collected and administered by the Department of Taxes, in accordance with  
18     State law governing such State tax.

19             (3) Of the taxes reported under this section, 70 percent shall be paid to  
20     the City for calendar years thereafter. Such revenues may be expended by the  
21     City for municipal services only and not for educational expenditures. The

