Senate Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs

2015 Proposed Economic Development Bill

Language proposed by LCRCC is highlighted

Sec. 2. TOURISM AND MARKETING INITIATIVE

(a) Of the amount by which the meals and rooms tax revenue for fiscal year 2016 projected at the January 20, 2015, Emergency Board meeting exceeds the fiscal year 2016 projection for the meals and rooms tax at the July 24, 2014, Emergency Board meeting, up to 15 percent, but not more than $750,000.00, is appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development as ~~additional funding for tourism and marketing~~ funding for a targeted economic development marketing brand initiative to promote Vermont as a great place to do business.

(b) The Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall contract with a private marketing firm located in Vermont to carry out the brand initiative.

(c) ~~The appropriation provided in subsection (a) of this section is contingent on a General Fund surplus at the end of fiscal year 2016 adequate to support the appropriation.~~

Act 250 Criteria 9(L)

(L) Settlement patterns. To promote Vermont's historic settlement pattern of compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside, a permit will be granted for a development or subdivision outside an existing settlement when it is demonstrated by the applicant that, in addition to all other applicable criteria, the development or subdivision:

(i) will make efficient use of land, energy, roads, utilities, and other supporting infrastructure; and

(ii) (I) will not contribute to a pattern of strip development along public highways by incorporating characteristics listed in the definition of strip development under subdivision 6001(36) of this title; or

(II) if the development or subdivision will be confined to an area that already constitutes strip development, will incorporate infill as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2791 and is designed to reasonably minimize the characteristics listed in the definition of strip development under subdivision 6001(36) of this title