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Act No. M-7 (H.154). Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Burlington; amendments; general charter procedure

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington and to charter amendment procedure

This act makes miscellaneous changes to the charter of the City of Burlington and amends general municipal law's charter proposal procedure set forth in 17 V.S.A. § 2645.

Sec. 2 amends the charter of the City of Burlington. Aside from amendments that are technical or stylistic in nature, Sec. 2 includes the following substantive amendments:

- Allowing the City to remove and impound vehicles in a municipal parking lot or garage parked in violation of any City ordinance;
- Naming the fund that receives parking-related receipts the "Parking Facilities Fund" and describing the purpose of that fund; and
- Revising the specified uses of on-street parking revenues.

Sec. 2A amends 17 V.S.A. § 2645. Revisions to this general municipal law requirement regarding charter proposals include:

- Requiring a town clerk to certify the date he or she receives an official copy of a charter proposal;
- Requiring a town to post the entirety of a charter proposal in each voting booth for inspection by the voters;
- Listing the charter materials that a town clerk must certify to the Secretary of State; and
- Requiring the Secretary of State to confirm that a town clerk has certified all required materials before sending those materials to the General Assembly and Attorney General.

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