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2 Introduced by Representatives Feltus of Lyndon, Belaski of Windsor,  
3 Lefebvre of Newark, Martel of Waterford, McCoy of Poultney,  
4 Nolan of Morristown, Rosenquist of Georgia, Sullivan of  
5 Dorset, and Walz of Barre City

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Municipal and regional planning and development; land use bylaws;  
9 enforcement; attorney's fees

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to grant  
11 municipalities the right to collect attorney's fees after enforcing a land use  
12 bylaw.

13 An act relating to collecting attorney's fees after enforcing a municipal  
14 zoning bylaw

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

16 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 4451 is amended to read:

17 § 4451. ENFORCEMENT; PENALTIES

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19 (c) In addition to any fine that may be imposed pursuant to subsection (a)  
20 or (b) of this section, if the municipality prevails in enforcing its bylaw, the

1 court shall award reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred to enforce the  
2 bylaw.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.