

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Technology to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 52 entitled “An act relating to the Public Service Board and its
4 proceedings” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as
6 follows:

7 First: In Sec. 1, 30 V.S.A. § 248(f), in subdivision (1), by striking out
8 subdivision (C) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision
9 (C) to read:

10 ~~(C) Such commissions shall make~~ Make recommendations, ~~if any, to~~
11 ~~the Public Service Board and to the petitioner at least seven days prior to filing~~
12 ~~of the petition with the Public Service Board~~ within 40 days of the petitioner’s
13 submittal to the planning commission under this subsection.

14 Second: In Sec. 3, 30 V.S.A. § 248(a)(4), in subdivision (4)(A), in the third
15 sentence, by striking out “If” and inserting in lieu thereof: Prior to making
16 findings, if

17 Third: In Sec. 8, 30 V.S.A. § 30, in subsection (h), in the first sentence,
18 after “the Department believes” by inserting after investigation

19 Fourth: In Sec. 8, 30 V.S.A. § 30, in subdivision (h)(2), by striking out
20 subdivisions (C) and (D) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new
21 subdivisions (C) and (D) to read:

1 (C) Once the public comment period closes, the Department:

2 (i) Shall provide **the person and** the Board with a copy of each
3 comment received.

4 (ii) **Within 15 days of the close of the comment period, may file**
5 a revised draft citation with the Board. The revised draft citation may be
6 accompanied by a stipulation or agreed settlement **between the person and**
7 **the Department** with a request for Board approval.

8 (D) The Board may on its own initiative open a proceeding to
9 investigate the violation alleged in the draft citation. The Board shall take any
10 such action within **25** days of the close of the public comment period, or the
11 filing of a revised draft citation, whichever is later. Such a Board proceeding
12 shall supersede the draft citation.

13 Fifth: In Sec. 14 (plan; citizens’ access to PSB hearings), in the title, by
14 striking out “; SPENDING AUTHORITY” and by striking out subsection (c)
15 in its entirety

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Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE