



VERMONT MUNICIPAL CLERKS' & TREASURERS' ASSOCIATION

TO: House Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Karen Richard; Legislative Chair

DATE: March 31, 2017

RE: An act relating to regulating notaries public

The Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association is supportive of "An act relating to regulating notaries public". We have heard some concerns from our members but we believe this is a positive step, particularly as it pertains to training.

The VMCTA would like to move forward with updating the land record statutes. Currently the statutes do not recognize the computerization processes that we employ. This bill will allow us to pursue electronic land records, as well as update the antiquated pieces of the recording statutes.

We appreciate that the bill includes the exemption of fees for Town Clerks to be notaries.

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**VMCTA was established in 1935 and represents over 132 Towns and 300 Clerks, Treasurers and Assistants as our primary Members. Associate Membership brings our total membership over 570.*

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