



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rep. Townsend, Chair, Committee on Government Operations  
Rep. Ron Hubert, Vice Chair, Committee on Government Operations  
Rep. Warren Kitzmiller, Ranking Member, Committee on Government Operations

From: Rep. Botzow, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

Date: April 24, 2017

Subject: **S.135, Sec. B.1 – REDI Districts, Proposed Commerce Amendments**

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This memorandum is to inform you that, on Friday, April 21, in response to questions raised by members of the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, our Committee voted to propose three additional amendments to S.135, Sec. B.1, concerning the creation of rural economic development infrastructure (REDI) districts.

The amendments concern the authority of a REDI district to develop bylaws and they are highlighted in green on the attached document. (See pp. 5 and 11-12.) They can be summarized as follows:

- Bylaws on governing board composition shall include quorum requirements;
- Only bylaws related to the governing board's composition are submitted to the legislative bodies of the underlying municipalities for approval; and
- A district has general authority to develop bylaws, ordinances, and regulations consistent with its charge.

The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development is happy to answer any questions related to these new proposals. Thank you.