

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 907 entitled “An act relating to improving rental housing safety” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
5 propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 7,
6 accelerated weatherization program; housing improvement program; State
7 Treasurer; funding, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 7. ACCELERATED WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM; HOUSING
9 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; STATE TREASURER; FUNDING

10 (a) The General Assembly finds that, in addition to the weatherization
11 efforts provided under the Home Weatherization Assistance Program
12 established in 33 V.S.A. chapter 25, an increased pace of weatherization and
13 housing improvements would result in both environmental and economic
14 benefits to the State. Accelerated weatherization efforts and housing
15 improvements will:

- 16 (1) decrease the emission of greenhouse gases;
17 (2) increase job opportunities in the field of weatherization;
18 (3) enable Vermonters to live in safer, healthier housing; and
19 (4) reduce health care costs by reducing the incidence of respiratory
20 illnesses, allergies, and other health problems.

1 (c) In fiscal years 2019 and 2020, the State Treasurer is authorized to invest
2 up to \$5,000,000.00 of funds from the credit facility established in 10 V.S.A.
3 § 10 for an accelerated weatherization and housing improvement program,
4 provided that:

5 (1) for owner-occupied homes, the funds shall be used to support
6 weatherization efforts and housing improvement efforts for homeowners with a
7 family income that is not more than 120 percent of the area or statewide median
8 family income, whichever is higher, as reported by the U.S. Department of
9 Housing and Urban Development for the most recent year for which data are
10 available;

11 (2) for multi-family rental homes, the funds shall be used in conjunction
12 with other State programs, and that not less than 50 percent of the tenant
13 households residing in properties to be rehabilitated shall have an annual
14 household income that is not more than 80 percent of the area or statewide
15 median family income, whichever is higher, as reported by the U.S.
16 Department of Housing and Urban Development for the most recent year for
17 which data are available; and

18 (3) weatherization efforts are included in the improvements to any
19 housing unit funded from the credit facility.
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1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE