

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 13 entitled “An act relating to fees and costs allowed at a tax sale”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 1, 32 V.S.A. § 5258, in subdivision (a)(4), by striking out the
7 words “remediating an abandoned property” and inserting in lieu thereof
8 securing a property for which property taxes are delinquent against illegal
9 activity and fire hazards and following the phrase “to be paid to the town
10 clerk” by adding the following: , provided that the expenses shall not exceed
11 20 percent of the uncollected tax

12 Second: By adding a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 5252 is amended to read:

14 § 5252. LEVY AND NOTICE OF SALE; SECURING PROPERTY

15 (a) When the collector of taxes of a town or of a municipality within it has
16 for collection a tax assessed against real estate in the town and the taxpayer is
17 delinquent, the collector may extend a warrant on such land. If a collector
18 receives notice from a mobile home park owner pursuant to 10 V.S.A.
19 § 6248(c), the collector shall, within 15 days of the notice, commence tax sale
20 proceedings to hold a tax sale within 60 days of the notice. If the collector
21 fails to initiate such proceedings, the town may initiate tax sale proceedings

1 only after complying with 10 V.S.A. § 6249(f). If the tax collector extends the
2 warrant, the collector shall:

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4 (5) Post a notice of such sale in some public place in the town.

5 (b) If the warrant and levy for delinquent taxes has been recorded pursuant
6 to subsection (a) of this section, the municipality in which the real estate lies
7 may secure the property against illegal activity and potential fire hazards after
8 giving the mortgagee or lien holder of record written notice at least 10 days
9 prior to such action.

10 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

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13 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE