

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 the statement of purpose, by striking out the words “remediating
7 abandoned” and inserting in lieu thereof securing.

8 Second: In Sec. 1, 32 V.S.A. § 5258, in subdivision (a)(4), by striking out
9 the words “remediating an abandoned property” and inserting in lieu thereof
10 securing a property for which property taxes are delinquent against illegal
11 activity and fire hazards and following the phrase “to be paid to the town
12 clerk” by adding the following: , provided that the expenses shall not exceed
13 20 percent of the uncollected tax

14 Third: By adding a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

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

16 § 5252. LEVY AND NOTICE OF SALE; SECURING PROPERTY

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

1 proceedings to hold a tax sale within 60 days of the notice. If the collector
2 fails to initiate such proceedings, the town may initiate tax sale proceedings
3 only after complying with 10 V.S.A. § 6249(f). If the tax collector extends the
4 warrant, the collector shall:

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

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

12 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

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15 (Committee vote: _____)

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17 Senator _____

18 FOR THE COMMITTEE