

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 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in  
6 lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 5258 is amended to read:

8 § 5258. FEES AND COSTS ALLOWED AFTER WARRANT AND LEVY  
9 RECORDED

10 (a) The fees and costs allowed after the warrant and levy for delinquent  
11 taxes have been recorded shall be as follows:

12 (1) ~~Levy~~ levy and extending of warrant, \$10.00;

13 (2) recording levy and extending of warrant in the town clerk’s office,  
14 \$10.00, to be paid to the town clerk;

15 (3) notices and publication of ~~notice~~ notices, actual costs incurred; ~~and~~

16 (4) expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the town in securing a  
17 property for which property taxes are delinquent against illegal activity and fire  
18 hazards, to be paid to the town clerk, provided that the expenses shall not  
19 exceed 20 percent of the uncollected tax;

20 (5) when authorized by the selectboard, expenses actually and

21 reasonably incurred by the tax collector for legal assistance in the preparation

1 for or conduct of said a tax sale ~~when authorized by the selectboard~~, provided  
2 that ~~such~~ the expenses shall not exceed 15 percent of the uncollected tax;

3 (6) travel, reimbursement at the rate established by the contract  
4 governing State employees;

5 (7) attending and holding the sale, \$10.00;

6 (8) making return ~~\$10.00~~ and recording ~~same~~ the return in the town  
7 clerk's office, \$10.00, to be paid to the town clerk ~~\$10.00~~;

8 (9) collector's deed, \$30.00;

9 (b) ~~which~~ the fees and costs allowed in subsection (a) of this section,  
10 together with ~~the~~ a collector's fee of up to eight percent, shall be in lieu of ~~any~~  
11 ~~or~~ all other fees and costs ~~permitted or allowed by law~~.

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

13 § 5252. LEVY AND NOTICE OF SALE; SECURING PROPERTY

14 (a) When the collector of taxes of a town or of a municipality within it has  
15 for collection a tax assessed against real estate in the town and the taxpayer is  
16 delinquent, the collector may extend a warrant on such land. If a collector  
17 receives notice from a mobile home park owner pursuant to 10 V.S.A.  
18 § 6248(c), the collector shall, within 15 days of the notice, commence tax sale  
19 proceedings to hold a tax sale within 60 days of the notice. If the collector  
20 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 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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14 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE