

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 113 entitled “An act relating to food and lodging establishments”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended in Sec. 1, by striking out 18 V.S.A. chapter 85, subchapter 7 in
6 its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subchapter 7 to read as follows:

7 Subchapter 7. Short-Term Rentals

8 § 4466. REGISTRATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS

9 (a) A person shall not operate or maintain a short-term rental unless he or
10 she registers with the Department and obtains and holds a valid certificate of
11 compliance.

12 (b) Prior to offering for rent a short-term rental, a person shall register with
13 the Commissioner by completing forms published by the Department and
14 paying a registration fee as provided in 4468 of this title.

15 (c) A person registering shall certify on the registration forms published by
16 the Department that the short-term rental is in compliance with the following
17 provisions:

18 (1) All available units shall comply with any relevant State and local fire
19 and life safety laws and regulations.

20 (2) Each guest room shall be free of any evidence of insects, rodents,
21 and other pests.

1 (3) All water from a nonpublic water supply system shall meet
2 Vermont’s water supply rules.

3 (4) All sewage shall be disposed of through an approved facility,
4 including either:

5 (A) a public sewage treatment plant; or

6 (B) an individual sewage disposal system that is constructed,
7 maintained, and operated according to the Department of Environmental
8 Conservation’s regulations, and otherwise meets all applicable sanitation
9 requirements.

10 (d)(1) A registration application shall be submitted no fewer than 60 days
11 prior to opening a short-term rental.

12 (2) The Department shall award an initial certificate of compliance
13 upon receipt of the applicant’s completed registration application and
14 registration fee.

15 (e) All certificates of compliance shall be displayed in a manner so as to be
16 easily viewed by the public.

17 (f) Any perspective certificate holder aggrieved by a decision of the
18 Department may appeal to the Board of Health pursuant to subsection 4351(e)
19 of this title.

1 § 4467. TERM; CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

2 A certificate of compliance shall expire annually after its date of issuance
3 and may be renewed upon the payment of a new registration fee if the
4 certificate holder is in good standing with the Department.

5 § 4468. FEES; REGISTRATION

6 The following fee shall be paid to the Department at the time of registration
7 or registration renewal:

8 Short-term rental — \$130.00.

9 § 4469. ENFORCEMENT

10 (a) If a person is found to be in violation of this subchapter, the
11 Commissioner shall issue a written notice and an order requiring both
12 abatement of the violation and compliance with this subchapter within a
13 reasonable period of time.

14 (b) A person upon whom the notice and order are served shall have an
15 opportunity for a hearing at which he or she may show cause for vacating or
16 amending the order. If it appears that the provisions of this chapter have not
17 been violated, the Commissioner shall immediately vacate the order without
18 prejudice. Conversely, if it appears that the provisions of this chapter have
19 been violated and the person fails to comply with the order issued by the
20 Commissioner, the Commissioner shall revoke, modify, or suspend the

1 person's certificate of compliance or enforce a civil penalty pursuant to section
2 4309 of this title, or both.

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE