

1 S.301

2 Introduced by Senators Brock, Benning, Collamore, Cummings and McNeil

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public service; siting; telecommunications facilities

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the

7 sunset on the certificate of public good process for telecommunications

8 facilities under 30 V.S.A. § 248a.

9 An act relating to repealing the sunset on 30 V.S.A. § 248a

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

12 The General Assembly finds:

13 (1) The Public Utility Commission was granted jurisdiction over the  
14 siting of telecommunications facilities in 2007 with the enactment of 30 V.S.A.  
15 § 248a.

16 (2) 30 V.S.A. § 248a created the certificate of public good process that  
17 allows applicants for the siting of telecommunications facilities to apply for  
18 one permit, a certificate of public good, instead of multiple permits.

19 (3) 30 V.S.A. § 248a was enacted with a sunset date of July 1, 2010 and  
20 that date has been amended four times. Repealing the sunset date for the

1 section would make the certificate of public good process permanent and  
2 provide certainty to applicants.

3 Sec. 2. 30 V.S.A. § 248a(i) is amended to read:

4 (i) ~~Sunset of Commission authority. Effective on July 1, 2020, no new~~  
5 ~~applications for certificates of public good under this section may be~~  
6 ~~considered by the Commission. [Repealed.]~~

7 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.