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

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public service; siting; telecommunications facilities

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the
sunset on the certificate of public good process for telecommunications
facilities under 30 V.S.A. § 248a.

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

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

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds:

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

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

(3) 30 V.S.A. § 248a was enacted with a sunset date of July 1, 2010 and
that date has been amended four times. Repealing the sunset date for the
section would make the certificate of public good process permanent and
provide certainty to applicants.

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

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 [Repealed.]

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
This act shall take effect on passage.