

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 163 entitled “An act relating to housing safety and rehabilitation” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the House propose
5 to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 8, by striking out 26 V.S.A. § 5401 and inserting in lieu
7 thereof a new § 5401 to read:

8 § 5401. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

9 (a) A person shall register with the Office of Professional Regulation prior
10 to contracting with a homeowner to perform residential construction work in
11 exchange for consideration of \$2,500.00 or more, including labor and
12 materials.

13 (b) Unless otherwise exempt under section 5402 of this title, as used in this
14 chapter, “residential construction” means to build, demolish, or alter a
15 residential dwelling unit or a building or premises with four or fewer
16 residential dwelling units, and includes interior and exterior construction,
17 renovation, and repair; painting; paving; roofing; weatherization; installation or
18 repair of heating, plumbing, electrical, water, or wastewater systems; and other
19 activities the Office specifies by rule consistent with this chapter.

20 Second: In Sec. 8, in 26 V.S.A. § 5407(1), by striking out “\$75.00” and
21 inserting in lieu thereof “\$50.00”

1 Third: In Sec. 8, in 26 V.S.A. § 5409(a), by striking out “professional
2 liability insurance” and inserting in lieu thereof “liability insurance”

3 Fourth: In Sec. 8, in 26 V.S.A. § 5409(b)(1), by striking out “\$2,500.00”
4 and inserting in lieu thereof “\$5,000.00”

5 Fifth: By striking out Sec. 10 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a
6 new Sec. 10 to read:

7 Sec. 10. IMPLEMENTATION

8 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of 26 V.S.A. chapter 105:

9 (1) The initial biennial registration term for residential contractors
10 pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 105 shall begin on April 1, 2020.

11 (2) The Secretary of State may begin receiving applications for the
12 initial registration term on December 1, 2019.

13 (3) Prior to April 1, 2021, the Office of Professional Regulation shall
14 not take any enforcement action for unauthorized practice under 26 V.S.A. §
15 5410(a) against a residential contractor who fails to register as required by this
16 act.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE