

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 301
3 entitled “An act relating to repealing the sunset on 30 V.S.A. § 248a”
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. FINDINGS

8 The General Assembly finds:

9 (1) The Public Utility Commission was granted jurisdiction over the
10 siting of telecommunications facilities in 2007 with the enactment of 30 V.S.A.
11 § 248a.

12 (2) 30 V.S.A. § 248a created the certificate of public good process that
13 allows applicants for the siting of telecommunications facilities to apply for
14 one permit, a certificate of public good, instead of multiple permits.

15 (3) 30 V.S.A. § 248a was enacted with a sunset date of July 1, 2010 and
16 that date has been amended four times. Repealing the sunset date for the
17 section would make the certificate of public good process permanent and
18 provide certainty to applicants.

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

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 [Repealed.]~~

4 Sec. 3. REPORT ON CRITERIA

5 On or before February 1, 2021, the Public Utility Commission shall review
6 the criteria used in awarding a certificate of public good under 30 V.S.A. §
7 248a and report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee
8 on Energy and Technology any changes that should be made in light of the
9 recent developments in telecommunications technology.

10 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.

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15 (Committee vote: _____)

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17 Senator _____

18 FOR THE COMMITTEE