

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

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

6 First: By striking out Sec. 7 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new
7 Sec. 7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 7. DUTIES CONTINGENT UPON FUNDING

9 (a) The following duties imposed on the Department of Housing and
10 Community Development are contingent upon the appropriation of funds in
11 fiscal year 2020 for the purposes specified:

12 (1) to design and implement a rental housing data management system
13 pursuant to Sec. 4 of this act;

14 (2) to update and maintain the RentalCodes.org website, or a similar
15 resource, that provides easy access to information for consumers, landlords,
16 municipal officials, and the public concerning rental housing health and safety
17 laws; and

18 (3) to design and implement a Vermont Rental Housing Incentive
19 Program pursuant to Sec. 12 of this act.

1 (b) The following duties imposed on the Department of Health are
2 contingent upon the appropriation of funds in fiscal year 2020 for the purposes
3 specified:

4 (1) to create and manage an electronic system to collect and maintain
5 health inspection reports pursuant to Sec. 5 of this act;

6 (2) to develop recommendations for the design and implementation of a
7 comprehensive system for the professional enforcement of State rental housing
8 health and safety laws pursuant to Sec. 6 of this act; and

9 (3) to perform services associated with one additional full-time
10 equivalent position, the duties of which include:

11 (A) collecting and maintaining data concerning inspection reports;

12 (B) providing additional training to town health officers concerning
13 best practices, the health officer role and responsibilities, and rental housing
14 health and safety issues;

15 (C) providing additional guidance and support to municipalities
16 concerning difficult rental housing enforcement issues; and

17 (D) other duties related to developing and planning for a more
18 professionalized health and safety code enforcement system.

19 Second: By striking out Sec. 13 in its entirety and re-designating Sec. 14 to
20 be Sec. 13

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3 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE