

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, appropriations; positions, in its entirety and  
7 inserting in lieu thereof a new 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 implement a rental housing data management system pursuant to  
13 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 one  
3        additional full-time equivalent position:

4                (1) to provide additional training to town health officers concerning best  
5        practices, the health officer role and responsibilities, and rental housing health  
6        and safety issues; and

7                (2) to provide additional guidance and support to municipalities  
8        concerning difficult rental housing enforcement issues.

9        Second: By striking out Sec. 13, Rental Housing Incentive Program;  
10        appropriation, in its entirety and renumbering Sec. 14, effective date, to be  
11        Sec. 13

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14        (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE