

H. 447

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield

The House concurs in the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendment thereto as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 149, in section 3, in subdivision (b)(1), by striking out subdivision (B) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (B) to read as follows:

(B) may physically injure other property in the vicinity; or

Second: In Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 149, in section 11, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) In addition to the procedure set forth above in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the charter may be revised or amended by the submission of a citizen initiative (petition) specifying the amendments or revisions desired and signed by 10 percent of the registered voters. The petition and subsequent action shall conform to the requirements of State statutes relating to charter amendment procedures, ~~shall be subject to the determination of the Selectboard as to whether or not they are comprehensive in nature,~~ and shall be approved by a an annual Town meeting vote with at least ~~25~~ 15 percent of voters participating. If a proposed amendment or revision under this subsection is

voted down at the annual Town meeting, it or a substantially similar  
amendment may not be petitioned again for a period of one year.