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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre
City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Colburn
of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Mrowicki of Putney,
Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Patt of
Worcester, Vyhovsky of Essex, White of Hartford, and
Yantachka of Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public service; public safety; building energy codes; Residential

Building Energy Standards; Commercial Building Energy Standards

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the
name of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety, to the
Division of Fire and Building Safety and give it jurisdiction over the
implementation of Vermont's energy codes, the Residential Building Energy
Standards (RBES), and the Commercial Building Energy Standards (CBES).
Currently, the Division has jurisdiction over all other codes related to building
safety, but the Public Service Department (PSD) develops and maintains the
RBES and CBES. The Division and the PSD shall coordinate as necessary to
administer and update Vermont's energy codes. The Division's jurisdiction

1 currently covers all “public buildings,” except single-family owner-occupied
2 houses. This bill would provide for additional staff and an appropriate fee
3 structure to encompass the Division’s expanded jurisdiction over both energy
4 codes and single-family housing.

5 An act relating to jurisdiction over building energy codes

6 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

7 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)