

1 H.447

2 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

3 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
4 Bill No. 447 entitled “An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter
5 of the Town of Springfield” respectfully reports that it has considered the same
6 and recommends that the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment
7 with further proposals of amendment as follows:

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

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

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

15 (c) In addition to the procedure set forth above in subsections (a) and (b) of
16 this section, the charter may be revised or amended by the submission of a
17 citizen initiative (petition) specifying the amendments or revisions desired and
18 signed by 10 percent of the registered voters. The petition and subsequent
19 action shall conform to the requirements of State statutes relating to charter
20 amendment procedures, ~~shall be subject to the determination of the Selectboard~~
21 ~~as to whether or not they are comprehensive in nature,~~ and shall be approved

1 by a an annual Town meeting vote with at least ~~25~~ 15 percent of voters
2 participating. If a proposed amendment or revision under this subsection is
3 voted down at the annual Town meeting, it or a substantially similar
4 amendment may not be petitioned again for a period of one year.

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE