

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No. 79  
3 entitled “An act relating to improving rental housing health and safety”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 3, in 3 V.S.A. § 2479, by adding a subsection (e) to read:

7 (e) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall  
8 maintain the registration fees collected pursuant to this section in a special  
9 fund entitled the Rental Housing Safety Special Fund, the proceeds of which  
10 the Department shall use:

11 (1) to hire authorized staff to administer the registry and registration  
12 requirements imposed in this section and in section 2478 of this title; and

13 (2) to provide funding to the Department of Public Safety to hire  
14 authorized staff to conduct inspections and regulate rental housing pursuant to  
15 20 V.S.A. chapter 173, subchapter 2.

16 Second: By striking out Secs. 4–5 in their entirety and inserting in lieu  
17 thereof new Secs. 4 and 5 to read:

18 Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; POSITIONS

19 (a) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to create five full-time,  
20 classified Inspector positions in order to conduct rental housing health and

1 safety inspections and enforcement pursuant to 20 V.S.A. chapter 173,  
2 subchapter 2.

3 (b) In fiscal year 2022, the amount of \$200,000.00 is appropriated from the  
4 General Fund to the Department of Public Safety as one-time startup funding  
5 to hire one or more Inspector positions authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of  
6 this section.

7 (c) The Department may hire additional Inspectors authorized by this  
8 section to the extent funds become available from the Rental Housing Safety  
9 Special Fund created and maintained pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2479.

10 Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

11 DEVELOPMENT; POSITIONS

12 (a) The Department of Housing and Community Development is  
13 authorized to create one full-time classified position and one half-time  
14 classified position to administer and enforce the registry requirements created  
15 in 3 V.S.A. § 2478.

16 (b) In fiscal year 2022, the amount of \$200,000.00 is appropriated from the  
17 General Fund to the Department of Housing and Community Development as  
18 one-time startup funding to hire one or more of the positions authorized  
19 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1        (c) The Department may hire additional staff authorized by this section to  
2        the extent funds become available from the Rental Housing Safety Special  
3        Fund created and maintained pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2479.

4        Third: By striking out Secs. 8–10 and their reader assistance headings in  
5        their entirety and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically  
6        correct.

7        Fourth: In the newly renumbered Sec. 10, effective dates, in subsection (b),  
8        by striking out subdivisions (2)–(4) in their entirety and inserting in lieu  
9        thereof (2) Sec. 5 (DHCD positions).

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13        (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE