TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate Bill No. 181 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 8, 24 V.S.A. § 4460, in subdivision (f)(2), immediately following “If the number of members on a board is reduced,” by striking out all of the words before the period and inserting in lieu thereof the words the legislative body shall use a lottery system to determine the members that remain in office

Second: By adding a Sec. 8a to read as follows:

Sec. 8a. 24 V.S.A. § 4322 is amended to read:

§ 4322. PLANNING COMMISSION; MEMBERSHIP

(a) A planning commission shall have not less than three nor more than nine voting members. All members may be compensated and reimbursed by the municipality for necessary and reasonable expenses. At least a majority of the members of a planning commission shall be residents of the municipality.

(b) The selectboard legislative body of a rural town, or not more than two elected or appointed officials of an urban municipality who are chosen by the legislative body of the urban municipality, shall be nonvoting ex officio members of a planning commission. If a municipality has an energy
coordinator under chapter 33, subchapter 12 of this title, the energy coordinator
may be a nonvoting ex officio member of the planning commission.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section:

(1) for an appointed planning commission, the legislative body may
change the number of members that may be appointed to the commission; and

(2) for an elected planning commission, a municipality may vote at an
annual or special meeting to change the number of members that may be
elected to the commission.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection 4323(c) of this subchapter, if the number of
members on an appointed or elected planning commission is reduced, the
legislative body shall use a lottery system to determine the members that
remain in office.

Third: By striking out Sec. 12, 18 V.S.A. § 5361, in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 12 to read as follows:

Sec. 12. [Deleted.]

(Committee vote: __________)

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Senator _________________

FOR THE COMMITTEE