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2	An act relating to local option taxes
3	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
4	Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 138 is amended to read:
5	§ 138. LOCAL OPTION TAXES
6	(a) Local option taxes are authorized under this section for the purpose of
7	affording municipalities an alternative method of raising municipal revenues to
8	facilitate the transition and reduce the dislocations in those municipalities that
9	may be caused by reforms to the method of financing public education under
10	the Equal Educational Opportunity Act of 1997. Accordingly:
11	(1) the local option taxes authorized under this section may be imposed
12	by a municipality;
13	(2) a municipality opting to impose a local option tax may do so prior to
14	July 1, 1998 to be effective beginning January 1, 1999, and anytime after
15	December 1, 1998 a A local option tax shall be effective beginning on the next
16	tax quarter following 90 days' notice to the Department of Taxes of the
17	imposition ; and
18	(3) a local option tax may only be adopted by a municipality in which:
19	(A) the education property tax rate in 1997 was less than \$1.10 per
20	\$100.00 of equalized education property value; or

1	(B) the equalized grand list value of personal property, business
2	machinery, inventory, and equipment is at least ten percent of the equalized
3	education grand list as reported in the 1998 Annual Report of the Division of
4	Property Valuation and Review; or
5	(C) the combined education tax rate of the municipality will increase
6	by 20 percent or more in fiscal year 1999 or in fiscal year 2000 over the rate of
7	the combined education property tax in the previous fiscal year.
8	(b) If the legislative body of a municipality by a majority vote
9	recommends, the voters of a municipality may, at an annual or special meeting
10	warned for that purpose, by a majority vote of those present and voting, assess
11	any or all of the following:
12	(1) a one percent sales tax;
13	(2) a one percent meals and alcoholic beverages tax;
14	(3) a one percent rooms tax.
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16	Sec. 2. VALIDATION OF 2022 LOCAL OPTION TAX VOTES
17	The General Assembly authorizes a municipality to assess any local option
18	tax that was approved by the voters, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138, at the
19	municipality's 2022 annual municipal meeting.
20	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
21	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.