

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Environment and Energy to which was referred Senate  
3 Bill No. 253 entitled “An act relating to building energy codes” respectfully  
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the House propose  
5 to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, energy code compliance; working group, by striking out  
7 subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (d)  
8 to read as follows:

9 (d) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative and  
10 technical assistance of the Department of Public Service. The Working Group  
11 shall have the legal assistance of the Department of Public Service as to  
12 matters of procedure, the Working Group’s powers and duties, existing State  
13 programs, existing legal requirements or obligations, and the drafting of  
14 proposed legislation. The Working Group may hire a third-party consultant to  
15 assist and staff the Working Group, which may be funded by monies  
16 appropriated by the General Assembly or any grant funding received.

17 Second: In Sec. 2, energy code compliance; working group, by striking out  
18 subsection (e) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the a new subsection  
19 (e) to read as follows:

20 (e) Report. On or before November 15, 2024 and November 15, 2025, the  
21 Working Group shall submit a written report to the Senate Committee on

1 Natural Resources and Energy and the House Committee on Environment and  
2 Energy with its findings and recommendations for legislative action.

3 Third: In Sec. 2, energy code compliance; working group, in subdivision  
4 (f)(4), by striking out “February 15, 2030” and inserting in lieu thereof “July 1,  
5 2026”

6 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 5, residential building contractor registry;  
7 website updates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the a new Sec. 5 to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 5. RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR REGISTRY;

10 WEBSITE UPDATES

11 (a) As part of its application to register with the residential building  
12 contractor registry administered by the Vermont Secretary of State, the Office  
13 of Professional Regulation shall ask a registrant to provide the following data:

14 (1) the geographic areas the registrant serves; and

15 (2) the trade services the registrant offers from a list of trade services  
16 compiled by the Office.

17 (b) As part of its application to register with the residential building  
18 contractor registry administered by the Vermont Secretary of State, the Office  
19 of Professional Regulation shall require that a registrant acknowledge that  
20 compliance with 30 V.S.A. § 51 (residential building energy standards) and 30  
21 V.S.A. § 53 (commercial building energy standards) is required.

1           (c) On or before January 1, 2025, the Office of Professional Regulation  
2           shall update the website for the residential building contractor registry  
3           administered by the Vermont Secretary of State to:

4                   (1) regularize usage of the term “residential contractor,” or another term  
5                   selected by the Office, across the website to replace usages of substantially  
6                   similar terms, such as “builder,” “contractor,” or “residential building  
7                   contractor”; and

8                   (2) add a clear and conspicuous notice that a residential contractor is  
9                   required by law to comply with State building energy standards.

10           Fifth: By striking out Sec. 6, residential building contractor contract  
11           templates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the a new Sec. 6 to read as  
12           follows:

13           Sec. 6. RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR CONTRACT  
14                   TEMPLATES

15                   The Office of Professional Regulation shall update any contract template  
16                   the Office furnishes for residential building contracting to include a statement  
17                   acknowledging that the project is required to comply with 30 V.S.A. § 51  
18                   (residential building energy standards) and 30 V.S.A. § 53 (commercial  
19                   building energy standards).

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1 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE