

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 626 entitled “An act relating to animal welfare” respectfully reports that it has
4 considered the same and recommends that that the report of the Committee on
5 Government Operations and Military Affairs be amended by striking out Sec.
6 4, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read
7 as follows:

8 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

9 (a) This section and Sec. 3, definition of humane officer, shall take effect
10 on July 1, 2024, except that 13 V.S.A. § 351(4)(B)(ii), inclusion of Division of
11 Animal Welfare employee as humane officer, shall take effect on January 1,
12 2025.

13 (b) All other sections shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE