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Representative Harrison of Chittenden moves that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking Sec. 7 in its entirety and adding two new sections to be Secs. 7 and 8 to read as follows:

Sec. 7. 24 V.S.A. § 2291 is amended to read:

§ 2291. ENUMERATION OF POWERS

For the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience, a town, city, or incorporated village shall have the following powers:

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(8)(A) To regulate or prohibit the use or discharge, but not possession, of firearms within the municipality or specified portions thereof, provided that an ordinance adopted under this subdivision shall be consistent with section 2295 of this title and shall not prohibit, reduce, or limit discharge at any existing sport shooting range, as that term is defined in 10 V.S.A. § 5227.

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (A) of this subdivision (8), the legislative body of a municipality may adopt an ordinance that prohibits the possession of a firearm within a municipal building or portion of a municipal building. The ordinance may exempt law enforcement officers, security personnel, or similar officers from the prohibition on firearm possession within a municipal building.

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Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(a) Secs. 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect on February 28, 2025.

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(b) Secs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and this section shall take effect on passage.