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3 Andrews of Westford, Birong of Vergennes, Boyden of Cambridge, Buss of
4 Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chapin of East Montpelier, Donahue of
5 Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Lipsky of Stowe,
6 Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Small of Winooski, and Walker of
7 Swanton move that the report of the Committee on Environment and Energy
8 be amended as follows:

9 First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 28a to read as follows:

10 Sec. 28a. 10 V.S.A. § 6001(3)(A)(xi) is amended to read:

11 (xi) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
12 until ~~July 1~~ December 31, 2026, the construction of housing projects such as
13 cooperatives, condominiums, dwellings, or mobile homes, with 25 or more
14 units, constructed or maintained on a tract or tracts of land, located entirely
15 within a designated downtown development district, a designated
16 neighborhood development area, a designated village center with permanent
17 zoning and subdivision bylaws, or a designated growth center, owned or
18 controlled by a person, within a radius of five miles of any point on any
19 involved land and within any continuous period of five years. For purposes of
20 this ~~subsection~~ subdivision, the construction of four units or fewer of housing

1 in an existing structure shall only count as one unit towards the total number of
2 units

3 Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 28b to read as follows:

4 Sec. 28b. 10 V.S.A. § 6001(3)(D)(viii)(III) is amended to read:

5 (III) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
6 contrary, until ~~July 1~~ December 31, 2026, the construction of a priority housing
7 project located entirely within a designated downtown development district,
8 designated neighborhood development area, or a designated growth center.

9 Third: By adding a new section to be Sec. 28c to read as follows:

10 Sec. 28c. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 16a is amended to read:

11 Sec. 16a. ACT 250 EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

12 In order to qualify for the exemptions established in 10 V.S.A. § 6001
13 (3)(A)(xi) and (3)(D)(viii)(III), a person shall request a jurisdictional opinion
14 under 10 V.S.A. § 6007 on or before ~~June 30~~ December 30, 2026. The
15 jurisdictional opinion shall require the project to substantially complete
16 construction on or before June 30, 2029 in order to remain exempt.

17 Fourth: In Sec. 32, 10 V.S.A. § 6081, by inserting three new subsections
18 after subsection (z) to read as follows:

19 (aa) No permit amendment is required for the construction of
20 improvements for a hotel or motels converted to permanently affordable
21 housing developments as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 4303(2).

1 (bb) No permit or permit amendment is required for the construction of
2 improvements for an accessory dwelling unit as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 4303.

3 (cc) No permit amendment is required for the construction of
4 improvements for converting a structure used for a commercial purpose to
5 29 or fewer housing units.