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2 Introduced by Representatives Casey of Montpelier and McCann of

3 Montpelier

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Public property and supplies; Department of Buildings and General

7 Services; State property; housing; affordable housing

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to task the

9 Department of Buildings and General Services with identifying State real

10 property suitable for conversion into affordable housing.

11 ~~An act relating to identifying State real property suitable for conversion into~~  
12 ~~affordable housing~~

*An act relating to identifying underutilized State buildings and land*

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 ~~Ch. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 152 is amended to read:~~

15 § 152. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER

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17 (b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall:

18 (1) Prior to transfer of unexpended balances between projects under the

19 ~~provisions of this section or another provision of law, consult with the State~~

1 ~~Treasurer and the Commissioner of Finance and Management to determine that~~  
2 such transfer does not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income of the  
3 interest on the bonds from which such unexpended proceeds are derived,  
4 pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any  
5 corresponding Internal Revenue Code section of the United States, as from  
6 time to time amended. The Commissioner shall notify the State Treasurer  
7 within 30 days of the postponement of any authorized projects for which  
8 bonds have been issued.

9 (2) Consult with the State Treasurer regarding implementation of  
10 projects in each capital appropriations act, including the disposition of assets  
11 purchased with capital appropriations, with regard to satisfactory resolution of  
12 issues associated with legal and tax-exempt status of outstanding State bonds.

13 (3) On or before January 15 of each new legislative biennium, study and  
14 submit to the General Assembly a report that examines whether any of the  
15 State's real property, including underutilized lots in population centers, is  
16 suitable for conversion into affordable housing.

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18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 ~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

*Sec. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 165 is amended to read:*

*§ 165. SPACE ALLOCATION, INVENTORY, AND USE; LEASING*

*PROPERTY; COMMISSIONER'S PREAPPROVAL REQUIRED*

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*(e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall maintain an inventory of all State-owned buildings and land and shall biannually compile and update the information received under subsection (g) of this section, which shall be considered once available in making spacing allocations and designating uses under subsection (c) of this section.*

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*(g) The head of each agency shall prepare and forward to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services ~~when requested by the Commissioner~~ annually in a format prescribed by the Commissioner an inventory of: square footage available for use; square footage in actual use; square footage not in use; square footage used for storage; square footage that is unfinished; cost per square foot for rent; cost per square foot for operation and maintenance; and the source of funds for rent, operation, and maintenance, including the act and section numbers of a legislative directive if applicable. The head of each agency shall additionally indicate in its inventory in a format prescribed by the Commissioner whether any building is vacant and whether any land is unnecessary for State purposes.*

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(j) On or before January 15 of each new legislative biennium, the Commissioner shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions the inventory maintained under subsection (e) of this section.

*Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on passage.*