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Introduced by Representatives Page of Newport City, Boutin of Barre City,  
Coffin of Cavendish, Harrison of Chittenden, Kascenska of  
Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Morrissey of Bennington,  
Oliver of Sheldon, and Wells of Brownington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal and county government; regulatory provisions; police  
power of municipalities; enumeration of powers; downtown districts;  
maintenance of property

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize  
municipalities to adopt ordinances regulating the maintenance of premises  
within a designated downtown district and to compel the owner of a premises  
within a designated downtown district to maintain the premises against decay  
or deterioration.

An act relating to municipal ordinances governing the maintenance of  
properties within downtown districts

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

2 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 2291 is amended to read:

3 § 2291. ENUMERATION OF POWERS

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

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8 (31) To regulate by means of an ordinance the maintenance of premises  
9 within a designated downtown district and to compel the owner of a premises  
10 within a designated downtown district to maintain or repair the premises  
11 against decay or deterioration.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.