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Representative Birong of Vergennes moves that the report of the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs be amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 1, 7 V.S.A. § 881, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. [Deleted.]

Second: By striking out Sec. 11, 7 V.S.A. § 863, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 11 to read as follows:

Sec. 11. 7 V.S.A. § 863 is amended to read:

§ 863. REGULATION BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(a)(1) Prior to a cannabis retailer ~~or the retail portion of an integrated licensee~~ operating within a municipality, the municipality shall affirmatively permit the operation of such cannabis establishments by majority vote of those present and voting by Australian ballot at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose. A municipality may place retailers ~~or integrated licensees, or both,~~ on the ballot for approval.

(2) A vote to permit the operation of a licensed cannabis retailer ~~or integrated licensee~~ within the municipality shall remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote of those present and voting by Australian ballot at a subsequent annual or special meeting warned for that purpose. A rescission of the permission to operate a licensed cannabis retailer ~~or integrated licensee~~

1 within the municipality under this subdivision shall not apply to a licensed
2 cannabis retailer or ~~integrated licensee~~ that is operating within the municipality
3 at the time of the vote.

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5 Third: By inserting a new section to be Sec. 12a to read as follows:

6 Sec. 12a. 7 V.S.A. § 847 is amended to read:

7 § 847. APPEALS

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9 (e) The Board may enforce a final administrative penalty by filing a civil
10 collection action in any Superior Court.

11 Fourth: In Sec. 32, effective dates, by striking out subsection (c) in its
12 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

13 (c) Sec. 10a (cannabis establishment fee schedule) shall take effect on July
14 1, 2027.