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2 Senators Chittenden, Beck, Brock, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy and Mattos  
3 move that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, in section 254, in the section  
5 heading, by striking out the word “STATE” and inserting in lieu thereof  
6 “~~STATE~~ AUTHORITY”

7 Second: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, in section 280gg, by striking out  
8 subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a)  
9 to read as follows:

10 (a)(1) There is established within the Authority the Vermont Disaster  
11 Recovery Loan Fund, referred to in this subchapter as “the Fund,” the purpose  
12 of which is to enable the Authority to provide loans and other forms of  
13 financial assistance to businesses, including agricultural and forest product  
14 enterprises, after disasters.

15 (2) The Authority shall consult with the Secretary of Commerce and  
16 Community Development; the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets;  
17 and the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation in determining whether  
18 funds shall be made available following a nondeclared disaster event impacting  
19 areas of the State. A consultation shall not be required in the event of a  
20 disaster declaration declared by the Governor or the President of the United  
21 States.