

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 131 entitled “An act relating to approval of an amendment to the
4 charter of the City of Burlington relating to the possession of firearms”
5 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
6 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
7 lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

9 The General Assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the City
10 of Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposal of
11 amendment on March 4, 2025.

12 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

13 CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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15 § 510. BAN ON FIREARMS IN PREMISES LICENSED TO SERVE

16 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

17 (a) Statutes superseded. This section expressly supersedes 24 V.S.A. §§
18 2291(8) and 2295 and authorizes the City to regulate the possession and
19 carrying of firearms pursuant to this section.

1 (b) Ban. Within the City of Burlington, no person may knowingly possess
2 a firearm, as defined by 13 V.S.A. § 4016(a)(3), in any premises licensed to
3 serve alcoholic beverages.

4 (c) Exceptions. This provision shall not apply to:

5 (1)(A) a second-class licensed premises, including premises used for a
6 retail alcoholic beverage tasting permit;

7 (B) sidewalks or public highways that pass through an outside
8 premises for which a licensee holds an outside consumption permit;

9 (C) the premises for which a licensee holds a limited event permit,
10 special event permit, or special event serving permit; or

11 (D) a dining car for which a licensee holds a promotional railroad
12 tasting permit; or

13 (2) a firearm possessed by:

14 (A) any federal, State, or local law enforcement officer acting within
15 the scope of that officer's official duties;

16 (B) any member of the armed forces of the United States or the
17 Vermont National Guard acting within the scope of that person's military
18 duties;

19 (C) any government officer, agent, or employee authorized to carry a
20 weapon and acting within the scope of that person's duties; or

