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17	(a) Statutes superseded.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

1	(D) the holder of the license for the premises, provided that person is
2	not prohibited from possessing or carrying that weapon under any other
3	federal, State, or local law.
4	(d) Penalties. The penalty for any violation of this section shall be as
5	follows:
6	(1) Criminal offense. Any violation of this section may be considered a
7	criminal offense, which shall be punishable by a fine of not more than
8	\$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days.
9	(2) Civil offense. Any violation of this section may also be considered a
10	civil ordinance violation punishable by a civil penalty of not less than \$200.00
11	and not more than \$500.00.
12	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
13	This act shall take effect on passage.
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17	(Committee vote:)
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19	Senator
20	FOR THE COMMITTEE