

No. 20. An act relating to extending the sunset under 30 V.S.A. § 248a.

(H.110)

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

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 248a is amended to read:

§ 248a. CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD FOR COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES

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(i) Sunset of Commission authority. Effective on July 1, ~~2023~~ 2026, no new applications for certificates of public good under this section may be considered by the Commission.

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Sec. 2. SECTION 248a REPORT

On or before January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Public Service in consultation with the Public Utility Commission shall report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Environment and Energy on the process of siting telecommunications facilities under 30 V.S.A. § 248a. The report shall address how to make the process easier to participate in for municipalities and individuals, how to encourage municipal participation, and recommend any necessary updates to 30 V.S.A. § 248a. The Commissioner shall hear from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the utilities, and any other interested parties.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 25, 2023