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Introduced by Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City,
Howard of Rutland City, and Potter of Clarendon

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Highways; motor vehicles

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize a
municipality, in its discretion, to adopt regulations to prohibit motor vehicles
with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more from operating on
class 3 and class 4 town highways located entirely within the municipality, as
long as the regulations allow such vehicles to make local stops.

An act relating to authorizing municipalities to prohibit through traffic by
heavy vehicles

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

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1042 is amended to read:

§ 1042. RESTRICTING THE USE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS

(a) The legislative body of a municipality may, with the approval of the
Secretary of Transportation, designate highways and bridges under their
control, except for class 1 town highways, for use by specified types of motor
vehicles based on volume and type of traffic and character of the

1 neighborhood. However, when the legislative body of a municipality requests
2 in writing, the Secretary of Transportation may set the weight limit on a class 1
3 town highway at less than the State highway limit under section 1392 of this
4 title, if a reasonable alternative route is available for those vehicles traveling at
5 the State highway limit. When a highway or bridge has been so restricted,
6 signs shall be placed in accordance with the provisions of section 1397 of this
7 title.

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9 (e) The legislative body of a municipality may adopt regulations to exclude
10 motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more
11 from operating on class 3 or class 4 town highways that start and end entirely
12 within the municipality. However, if their operation otherwise would be
13 lawful, the regulations shall not preclude these vehicles from delivering or
14 picking up property or passengers or furnishing services along such highways.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.