

1 H.553

2 Introduced by Representative Howard of Rutland City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation; assessment and collection of taxes; delinquent taxes; tax
6 sale; right of purchaser to secure property

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
8 purchaser of a property at tax sale to enter the property during the one-year
9 redemption period for the purpose of securing the property against illegal
10 activity, fire hazard, damage, or deterioration.

11 An act relating to the right of entry following a tax sale

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

13 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 5252 is amended to read:

14 § 5252. LEVY AND NOTICE OF SALE; SECURING PROPERTY

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16 (b) If the warrant and levy for delinquent taxes has been recorded pursuant
17 to subsection (a) of this section, the municipality in which the real estate lies
18 may secure the property against illegal activity, damage from exposure to the
19 elements, deterioration, and potential fire hazards after giving the mortgagee or
20 lien holder of record written notice at least 10 days prior to such action.

1 Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 5254a is added to read:

2 § 5254a. ENTRY TO SECURE PROPERTY

3 After providing the mortgagee or lien holder of record written notice of at
4 least 10 days, the purchaser of real estate subject to this subchapter may enter
5 the property to secure the property against illegal activity, damage from
6 exposure to the elements, deterioration, and potential fire hazards.

7 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.