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2 Introduced by Senator Westman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Land use; municipal and regional planning and development; bylaws;

6 permissible types of regulations; regulating commercial building

7 facades

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow  
9 municipalities to adopt land use bylaws for the purpose of regulating  
10 commercial building facades in designated areas to ensure the facades are not  
11 left in a state of disrepair.

12 An act relating to allowing municipalities to adopt bylaws regulating  
13 commercial building facades

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

15 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 4414(15) is added to read:

16 (15) Building facades. A municipality may adopt bylaws to regulate  
17 commercial building facades in one or more areas designated pursuant  
18 to chapter 76A of this title or zoning districts established under  
19 subdivision (1)(A) of this section. These bylaws may:

1           (A) prevent the disrepair of a facade from negatively affecting the  
2           economic vitality of the area or district;

3           (B) require maintenance of the facade such that the building's interior  
4           is not open to the weather and elements; and

5           (C) specify limits on the amount of time windows and doors may be  
6           covered with boards or similar material.

7           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.