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2 Introduced by Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Burditt of West

3 Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Russell

4 of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Municipal and county government; regulatory provisions; police

8 power of municipalities

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow
10 municipalities to enact regulations regarding rental housing, uninhabitable
11 residences, and panhandling.

12 An act relating to powers of municipalities

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

14 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 2291 is amended to read:

15 § 2291. ENUMERATION OF POWERS

16 For the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, welfare, and
17 convenience, a town, city, or incorporated village shall have the following
18 powers:

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1 (26) To regulate by means of an ordinance the number of unrelated
2 tenants who may reside in a single rental unit and to require landlords to
3 provide information to the municipality regarding the number of tenants
4 specified in a lease of residential rental property.

5 (27) To remove individuals from residences that are uninhabitable or
6 that lack water or sewer service, heat, or electricity.

7 (28) To regulate panhandling. As used in this subdivision,
8 “panhandling” means requesting or soliciting a donation of money or other
9 item of value, for any purpose, through spoken, written, or printed word or
10 other acts or bodily gestures.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.