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2 Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford,
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4 Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Brookfield,
5 O'Sullivan of Burlington, Sibia of Dover, and Tate of Mendon

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Utilities; pole attachments; make-ready work; broadband deployment

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
10 Public Service Board to amend its existing rules governing pole attachments
11 with the goal of expediting the use of facilities by telecommunications service
12 providers able to offer and expand broadband throughout the State.

13 An act relating to pole attachment rules and broadband deployment

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

15 Sec. 1. POLE ATTACHMENT RULES; PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

16 On or before June 1, 2017, the Public Service Board shall initiate a
17 rulemaking proceeding to revise its rules governing pole attachments, Rule
18 3.700, et seq., with the goal of expediting the use of facilities by
19 telecommunications service providers able to offer and expand broadband
20 throughout the State. Among other things, the Board shall consider:

1 (1) one touch make-ready policies for pole attachments;

2 (2) the June 29, 2015 petition of the Maine Office of the Public

3 Advocate filed with the Maine Public Utilities Commission; in particular,

4 Attachment A to the petition and its proposed revisions to Maine's pole

5 attachment rules;

6 (3) measures designed to minimize delays and costs and promote fair

7 and reasonable rates and the rapid resolution of disputes; and

8 (4) any other standards or procedures deemed relevant by the Board.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.