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Introduced by Representatives Parsons of Newbury, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck
of St. Johnsbury, Demar of Enosburgh, Graham of
Williamstown, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Page of
Newport City, Peterson of Clarendon, and Williams of Granby

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal and county government; land use; municipal zoning;
residential care home; group homes

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to clarify that
the municipal zoning limitation on residential care homes and group homes
does not extend to facilities that will house high-risk, justice-involved youth.

An act relating to clarifying the municipal zoning authority over group
homes

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

Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 4412(1)(G) is amended to read:

(G) A residential care home or group home to be operated under
State licensing or registration, serving not more than eight persons who have a
disability as defined in 9 V.S.A. § 4501, shall be considered by right to
constitute a permitted single-family residential use of property. However, for

1 purposes of this subdivision (G), a residential care home or group home shall
2 not include a facility that houses high-risk, justice-involved youth who pose a
3 risk to personal or public safety. This subdivision (G) does not require a
4 municipality to allow a greater number of residential care homes or group
5 homes on a lot than the number of single-family dwellings allowed on the lot.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.