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Introduced by Representatives Cole of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski,
Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Krowinski of
Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, O’Sullivan of
Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington,
Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, and Wright of
Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Burlington;
amendment; premises where alcohol served; firearms possession
prohibited

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve an
amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington that would prohibit a
person from possessing a firearm on premises where alcohol is licensed to be
served.

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of
Burlington prohibiting possession of firearms on premises where alcohol is
licensed to be served

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

2 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

3 The General Assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the
4 City of Burlington as set forth in this act. Proposals of amendment were
5 approved by the voters on March 4, 2014.

6 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

7 CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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9 ARTICLE 99. GENERAL WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS

10 § 511. [Reserved.]

11 § 512. PREMISES WHERE ALCOHOL IS LICENSED TO BE SERVED;

12 FIREARMS PROHIBITED

13 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291(8) and 2295, the
14 City of Burlington is authorized to regulate the possession and carrying of
15 firearms as set forth in this section.

16 (b) Within the City of Burlington, a person shall not possess a firearm, as
17 defined in 13 V.S.A. § 4016, on any premises where alcohol is licensed to be
18 served.

19 (c) This section shall not apply to:

20 (1) any federal, State, or local law enforcement officer acting within the
21 scope of that officer's official duties;

1 (2) any member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the Vermont National
2 Guard acting within the scope of that person's military duties;

3 (3) any government officer, agent, or employee authorized to carry a
4 weapon and acting within the scope of that officer's duties; or

5 (4) the owner or operator of such establishment, as long as that person is
6 not prohibited from possessing or carrying that weapon under any other
7 federal, State, or local law.

8 (d) The penalties for any violation of this section shall be as follows:

9 (1) a criminal offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00
10 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both; or

11 (2) a civil ordinance violation punishable by a fine of not less than
12 \$200.00 and not more than \$500.00.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.