

1 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 863 is amended to read:

2 § 863. REGULATION BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

3 (a)(1) Prior to a cannabis retailer or an integrated licensee operating within
4 a municipality, the municipality shall affirmatively permit the operation of
5 such cannabis establishments by majority vote of those present and voting by
6 Australian ballot at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose. A
7 municipality may place retailers or integrated licensees, or both, on the ballot
8 for approval.

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10 (3) On March 8, 2023, any municipality that fails to vote on the question
11 of permitting the operation of cannabis establishments pursuant to subdivision
12 (1) of this subsection shall be deemed to permit the operation of both cannabis
13 retailers and integrated licensees.

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