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Lt. Governor Phil Scott Issues Statement on Small Business Exemption Amendment

Lt. Governor Phil Scott today issued the following statement on the Senate's passage of an amendment to H.187 which exempts small business with five or fewer employees from the paid sick leave legislation:

"Today's vote to exempt Vermont's smallest businesses from yet another mandate is a perfect example of what the Legislature can achieve when we put practicality above partisanship. This amendment passed with bipartisan support, showing that growing our economy and being a partner to businesses is something everyone can get on board with, regardless of the letter next to their name. I find it encouraging that the Senate decided to incorporate this exemption in the paid sick leave legislation, thereby avoiding placing an additional burden on Vermont's smallest businesses while also expanding sick leave to many Vermonters who don't have it today.

"What we must continue to focus and work on are ways we can grow our economy, be better partners with our business community—which includes both business owners and workers—and make Vermont more affordable for all. These are issues which impact every single Vermonter, and should be our top priority if we want to build a bright future for Vermont."

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