

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Transportation to which was referred House Bill No.
3 942 entitled “An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous
4 changes to laws related to transportation” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that
6 the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
7 lieu thereof the following:

8 * * * Transportation Program Adopted as Amended;

9 Intent; Reports; Definitions * * *

10 Sec. 1. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM ADOPTED; INTENT; REPORTS;

11 DEFINITIONS

12 (a) Transportation program adopted. The Agency of Transportation’s
13 proposed fiscal year 2021 Transportation Program appended to the Agency of
14 Transportation’s proposed fiscal year 2021 budget, as amended by this act, is
15 adopted to the extent federal, State, and local funds are available.

16 (b) Intent.

17 (1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Agency’s top
18 priority should be the transportation program adopted under subsection (a) of
19 this section, including preserving all funding to municipalities.

20 (2) In response to the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19
21 pandemic, the General Assembly acknowledges that continued funding of

1 infrastructure will help boost our local economy and support the health and
2 welfare of Vermonters. Accordingly, it is the intent of the General Assembly
3 that the projects funded in this act, including under Secs. 2 and 3 of this act,
4 will serve to support and help drive growth in Vermont's economy during this
5 uncertain time.

6 (3) In light of the long-term and ongoing climate change emergency, it
7 is the intent of the General Assembly to continue to invest in and prioritize
8 measures that will directly contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas
9 emissions consistent with the State's 2016 Comprehensive Energy Plan.

10 (c) Reports.

11 (1) The Agency shall, on or before September 1, 2020, file a written
12 report with the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee and the House and
13 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Transportation with the
14 following information:

15 (A) an update on enacted and anticipated federal COVID-19
16 legislation;

17 (B) an update on projects in the transportation program adopted
18 under subsection (a) of this section that are not anticipated to proceed as
19 planned in fiscal year 2021 and the reasons why;

1 (C) an update on projects not in the transportation program adopted
2 under subsection (a) of this section that will proceed in fiscal year 2021 and the
3 source of funding;

4 (D) the status of and funding remaining for the programs established
5 pursuant to 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34;

6 (E) the balance of funding available for public transit under federal
7 COVID-19 legislation; and

8 (F) any expected reduction in funding available for municipalities.

9 (2) The Agency shall, on or before February 15, 2021, file a written
10 report with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
11 Transportation with the following information:

12 (A) an update on enacted and anticipated federal COVID-19
13 legislation;

14 (B) an update on projects in the transportation program adopted
15 under subsection (a) of this section that are not anticipated to proceed as
16 planned in fiscal year 2021 and the reasons why;

17 (C) an update on projects not in the transportation program adopted
18 under subsection (a) of this section that will proceed in fiscal year 2021 and the
19 source of funding;

20 (D) the status of and funding remaining for the programs established
21 pursuant to 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34;

1 (E) the balance of funding available for public transit under federal
2 COVID-19 legislation; and

3 (F) any expected reduction in funding available for municipalities.

4 (d) Definitions. As used in this act, unless otherwise indicated:

5 (1) “Agency” means the Agency of Transportation.

6 (2) “Electric vehicle supply equipment” has the same meaning as in
7 30 V.S.A. § 201 and is abbreviated “EVSE.”

8 (3) “Federal COVID-19 legislation” includes any federal infrastructure
9 bills or other federal legislation that provide the State with additional federal
10 funding for transportation-related projects in fiscal year 2021 or was enacted as
11 a result of COVID-19.

12 (4) “Plug-in electric vehicle,” “plug-in hybrid electric vehicle,” and
13 “battery electric vehicle” have the same meanings as in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85) as
14 amended by this act and are abbreviated “PEV,” “PHEV,” and “BEV.”

15 (5) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

16 (6) “TIB funds” means monies deposited in the Transportation
17 Infrastructure Bond Fund in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 11f.

18 (7) The table heading “As Proposed” means the proposed Transportation
19 Program referenced in subsection (a) of this section; the table heading “As
20 Amended” means the amendments as made by this act; the table heading
21 “Change” means the difference obtained by subtracting the “As Proposed”

1 figure from the “As Amended” figure; and the terms “change” or “changes” in
2 the text refer to the project- and program-specific amendments, the aggregate
3 sum of which equals the net “Change” in the applicable table heading.

4 * * * Summary of Transportation Investments * * *

5 **Sec. 1a. FISCAL YEAR 2021 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS**

6 **INTENDED TO REDUCE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED**

7 **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, REDUCE FOSSIL FUEL**

8 **USE, AND SAVE VERMONT HOUSEHOLDS MONEY**

9 This act includes the State’s fiscal year 2021 transportation investments

10 intended to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, reduce

11 fossil fuel use, and save Vermont households money in furtherance of the

12 policies articulated in 19 V.S.A. § 10b and the goals of the Comprehensive

13 Energy Plan and to satisfy the Executive and Legislative Branches’

14 commitments to the Paris Agreement climate goals. In fiscal year 2021, these

15 efforts will include the following:

16 (1) Park and Ride Program. This act provides for a fiscal year

17 expenditure of \$5,580,568.00, which will fund five park and ride construction

18 projects and the design of four additional facilities scheduled for construction

19 in fiscal year 2022. This year’s park and ride program will create 330 new

20 State-owned spaces and result in the installation of 43 level 1 EVSE charging

21 ports. Specific additions and improvements include:

1 (A) Williston—Construction of 142 new spaces;

2 (B) Royalton—Construction of 91 new spaces;

3 (C) Cambridge—Improvements to existing spaces;

4 (D) Thetford—Construction of 42 new spaces;

5 (E) Berlin (Exit 6)—Design for 65 spaces;

6 (F) Berlin (Exit 7)—Design for 75 spaces;

7 (G) Manchester—Design for 50 spaces; and

8 (H) Williamstown—Construction of 55 new spaces.

9 (2) Bike and Pedestrian Facilities Program. This act, in concert with the
10 Capital Construction Act, provides for a fiscal year expenditure of
11 \$18,230,970.00, which will fund 39 bike and pedestrian construction projects,
12 and 12 bike and pedestrian design, right-of-way, or design and right-of
13 way projects for construction in fiscal year 2021. The construction projects
14 include the creation, improvement, or rehabilitation of walkways, sidewalks,
15 shared use paths, bike paths, and cycling lanes. Projects are funded in
16 Arlington, Bennington, Burlington, Chester, Colchester-Essex, Dover, East
17 Montpelier, Enosburg Falls, Fairfield, Hardwick, Hartford, Hinesburg, Jericho,
18 Johnson, Lake Champlain causeway, Middlebury, Milton, Montpelier-Berlin,
19 Moretown, Pittsford, Plainfield, Proctor, Richford, Rochester, Rutland City,
20 Shelburne, South Burlington, Springfield, St. Albans City, St. George, St.

1 Johnsbury, Swanton, Underhill, Waitsfield, Waterbury, West Rutland,
2 Williston, and Wilmington.

3 (3) Transportation Alternatives Program. This act provides for a fiscal
4 year expenditure of \$2,763,408.00, which will fund 16 transportation
5 alternatives construction projects and 22 design, right-of-way, or design and
6 right-of-way projects. Of these 38 projects, 22 involve environmental
7 mitigation related to clean water, stormwater, or both clean water and
8 stormwater concerns, and the remaining 15 involve bicycle and pedestrian
9 facilities. Projects are funded in Bennington, Bridgewater, Bridport, Castleton,
10 Chester, Colchester, Derby, Duxbury, East Montpelier, Enosburg, Essex, Essex
11 Junction, Fair Haven, Franklin, Granville, Hartford, Hyde Park, Jericho,
12 Middletown Springs, Montgomery, Newfane, Norwich, Pittsford, Rutland
13 City, Shelburne, South Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johnsbury, Thetford,
14 Vergennes, Warren, Wilmington, and Winooski.

15 (4) Public Transit Program. This act authorizes \$37,852,845.00 in
16 funding for public transit uses throughout the State, which is a 30.4 percent
17 increase over fiscal year 2019 levels. An additional \$3,000,000.00 flows
18 through the State directly to the Green Mountain Transportation Authority.
19 Included in the authorization are:

20 (A) Go! Vermont with an authorization of \$858,434.00.
21 This authorization supports the promotion and use of carpools and vanpools.

1 (B) Barre Transit Expansion with an authorization of \$275,000.00.

2 This authorization increases service available through Barre Transit.

3 (C) Capital Commuters with an authorization of \$100,000.00. This

4 program provides discounted bus passes to those commuting to work in

5 Montpelier.

6 (D) Vermont Kidney Association Grant with an authorization of

7 \$50,000.00. This authorization supports the transit needs of Vermonters in

8 need of dialysis services.

9 (E) Transportation Demand Management and Micro-Transit

10 Innovations Grant Program with an authorization of \$500,000.00. Sec. 16 of

11 this act creates the Transportation Demand Management and Micro-Transit

12 Innovations Grant Program, to be administered by the Agency of

13 Transportation, that will provide grant funding to incentivize and continue

14 support for the advancement of transportation demand management programs

15 and new transit initiatives that improve mobility and access for transit-

16 dependent Vermonters, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or both.

17 (5) Rail Program. This act authorizes \$30,815,640.00 for intercity

18 passenger rail service and rail infrastructure throughout the State, including

19 modifications to the Burlington Vermont Rail Systems railyard to

20 accommodate overnight servicing to facilitate New York City-Burlington rail

21 service.

1 (6) Transformation of the State Vehicle Fleet. The Department of
2 Buildings and General Services, which manages the State Vehicle Fleet, added
3 44 additional hybrid vehicles to the fleet in fiscal year 2020. In fiscal year
4 2021, the Department of Buildings and General Services expects to add
5 24 additional PHEVs and three additional BEVs to the fleet. The Capital
6 Construction Act authorizes \$75,000.00 for the installation of EVSE in State-
7 owned parking lots under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings and
8 General Services. This will increase the number of charging stations by eight
9 to 10 stations, with 16 to 20 charging ports in total and is in addition to the
10 following EVSE that will be installed by the Department of Buildings and
11 General Services during the first two months of fiscal year 2021:

12 (A) Rutland Parking Garage—four stations, with eight charging ports
13 in total;

14 (B) 134–136 State Street, Montpelier—seven stations, with 12
15 charging ports in total;

16 (C) Southern State Correctional Facility—one station, with two
17 charging ports in total; and

18 (D) Newport Emory Hebard Office Building—one station, with two
19 charging ports in total.

20 (7) Electric vehicle supply equipment. In furtherance of the State’s goal
21 to have a direct current (DC) fast-charging station within 30 miles of every

1 residence in Vermont, the Capital Construction Act authorizes \$750,000.00 to
2 the VW EVSE Grant Program.

3 (8) Vehicle incentive programs. Sec. 14 of this act authorizes an
4 additional \$50,000.00 to support administrative costs associated with
5 MileageSmart, which is the State's used high fuel efficiency vehicle incentive
6 program, and to ensure that the State's emissions repair program is operational
7 not later than July 1, 2021. Secs. 3 and 5 of this act also authorize the
8 Secretary of Transportation to expend additional monies on the New PEV
9 Incentive Program and MileageSmart if such funding becomes available.

10 * * * Federal Funding * * *

11 Sec. 2. FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL FUNDING

12 (a) If federal COVID-19 legislation is enacted, the Secretary is authorized
13 to:

14 (1) exceed federal spending authority in the fiscal year 2020
15 Transportation Program and fiscal year 2021 Transportation Program and to
16 obligate and expend the federal monies, as practicable, on the following
17 federally eligible projects, with a priority placed on projects, such as the
18 purchase of PEV buses for public transit and the construction of bicycle and
19 pedestrian facilities and EVSE, that will directly contribute to the reduction of
20 greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the State's 2016 Comprehensive
21 Energy Plan and projects that will keep Vermonters employed, promote

1 economic activity, and allow the State and municipalities to catch up on
2 deferred maintenance:

3 (A) projects in the fiscal year 2020 Transportation Program and fiscal
4 year 2021 Transportation Program;

5 (B) additional town highway projects; and

6 (C) activities that meet federal eligibility and readiness criteria;

7 (2) notwithstanding any provision of Title 19 of the Vermont Statutes
8 Annotated to the contrary, waive any Title 19 match requirements for projects
9 funded under federal COVID-19 legislation; and

10 (3) require that municipalities meet nonfederal match requirements for
11 projects not authorized in the fiscal year 2020 Transportation Program or fiscal
12 year 2021 Transportation Program funded under federal COVID-19 legislation.

13 (b) The Agency shall promptly report the obligation or expenditure of
14 monies under the authority of subsection (a) of this section in writing to the
15 House and Senate Committees on Transportation and to the Joint Fiscal Office
16 while the General Assembly is in session and to the Joint Fiscal Office, the
17 Joint Fiscal Committee, and the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee
18 when the General Assembly is not in session.

19 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Secretary to
20 obligate or expend State Transportation Funds, General Funds, or TIB funds

1 above amounts authorized in the fiscal year 2020 Transportation Program or
2 fiscal year 2021 Transportation Program.

3 (d) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall continue in effect until
4 February 1, 2021.

5 * * * Additional Agency Spending; Redirection * * *

6 Sec. 3. AGENCY SPENDING; AUTHORITY TO REDIRECT; REPORT

7 (a) Notwithstanding Sec. 1 of this act; 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59,
8 Sec. 1; 19 V.S.A. § 10g(n); and 32 V.S.A. § 706, the Secretary is authorized to
9 utilize State and federal monies for any of the following activities that will
10 keep Vermonters employed, promote economic activity, and allow the State
11 and municipalities to catch up on deferred maintenance in fiscal years 2020
12 and 2021, provided that the Agency expects to accept and obligate federal
13 monies pursuant to subsection 2(a) of this act in an amount sufficient to cover
14 the additional expenditures:

15 (1) bridge maintenance;

16 (2) paving and surface maintenance;

17 (3) clearing of trees and brush in rights-of-way;

18 (4) ledge and slope remediation;

19 (5) culvert repair and replacement; and

20 (6) any other maintenance activities that are expected to provide an
21 economic stimulus in Vermont communities.

1 (b) Notwithstanding Sec. 1 of this act; 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59,
2 Sec. 1; 19 V.S.A. § 10g(n); and 32 V.S.A. § 706, the Secretary is authorized to
3 utilize State and federal monies for any of the following greenhouse gas
4 emissions reduction efforts in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, provided that the
5 Agency expects to accept and obligate federal monies pursuant to
6 subsection 2(a) of this act in an amount sufficient to cover the additional
7 expenditures:

8 (1) funding for a grant program for the installation of EVSE that builds
9 upon the existing VW EVSE Grant Program that the Department of Housing
10 and Community Development has been administering on behalf of the
11 Department of Environmental Conservation;

12 (2) PEV buses for public transit;

13 (3) PEVs for the State motor vehicle fleet; and

14 (4) funding, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, for the New PEV Incentive
15 Program created pursuant to 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34 as
16 amended by the act.

17 (c) If the expenditure of monies pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this
18 section will not significantly delay the planned work schedule of a project in
19 the fiscal year 2020 and 2021 Transportation Programs, the Secretary may
20 enter into a contract for the activity or proceed with the expenditure and shall
21 give prompt notice of the contract or expenditure to the Joint Fiscal Office and

1 to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation when the General
2 Assembly is in session and to the Joint Fiscal Office and the Joint
3 Transportation Oversight Committee when the General Assembly is not in
4 session.

5 (d) If the expenditure of monies pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this
6 section will significantly delay the planned work schedule of a project, the
7 Secretary may enter into a contract for the activity or proceed with the
8 expenditure but shall give advance notice of at least 10 business days prior to
9 executing the contract or making the expenditure to the House and Senate
10 Committees on Transportation when the General Assembly is in session and to
11 the Joint Fiscal Office, Joint Fiscal Committee, and Joint Transportation
12 Oversight Committee when the General Assembly is not in session.

13 (e) The Secretary of Administration shall, on or before July 31, 2020, file a
14 written report listing all expenditures made during fiscal year 2020 under the
15 authority of subsections (a) and (b) of this section to the House and Senate
16 Committees on Transportation, Joint Fiscal Office, Joint Fiscal Committee,
17 and Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.

18 (f) The Secretary of Administration shall, on or before July 31, 2021, file a
19 written report listing all expenditures made during fiscal year 2021 under the
20 authority of subsections (a) and (b) of this section to the House and Senate

1 Committees on Transportation, Joint Fiscal Office, Joint Fiscal Committee,
2 and Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.

3 (g) The reports required pursuant to subsections (e) and (f) of this
4 section shall be in addition to the report required pursuant to 19 V.S.A.
5 § 10g(e).

6 * * * Amtrak; Burlington Rail Yard Realignment * * *

7 Sec. 4. ADDITION OF BURLINGTON RAIL YARD REALIGNMENT
8 FOR AMTRAK PROJECT

9 The following project is added to the development and evaluation list of
10 Rail within the Agency’s Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Program, as adopted
11 pursuant to 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 1, and the development and
12 evaluation list of Rail within the Agency’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2021
13 Transportation Program: Burlington – Railyard Realignment for Amtrak.

14 * * * Highway Maintenance * * *

15 Sec. 5. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

16 (a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2021
17 Transportation Program for Maintenance, authorized spending is amended as
18 follows:

<u>FY21</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Personal	45,757,089	45,757,089	0
Services			

1	Operating	52,896,134	52,296,134	-600,000
2	Expenses			
3	Grants	240,200	240,200	0
4	Total	98,893,423	98,293,423	-600,000
5	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
6	State	96,415,636	95,815,636	-600,000
7	Federal	2,377,787	2,377,787	0
8	Interdepart.			
9	Transfer	100,000	100,000	0
10	Total	98,893,423	98,293,423	-600,000

11 (b) If, as of June 30, 2021, the Agency of Transportation has expended less
12 on Maintenance Operating Expenses in fiscal year 2021 than it did in fiscal
13 year 2020 then:

14 (1) authorized spending in the Agency of Transportation's Proposed
15 Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Program for Maintenance is further amended
16 by decreasing Operating Expenses by the difference between the amount
17 expended on Maintenance Operating Expenses in fiscal year 2020 and the
18 amount expended on Maintenance Operating Expenses in fiscal year 2021
19 through June 30, 2021, but not to exceed \$700,000.00, and

20 (2) the Secretary shall authorize the expenditure of the difference
21 between the amount expended on Maintenance Operating Expenses in fiscal

1 year 2020 and the amount expended on Maintenance Operating Expenses in
2 fiscal year 2021 through June 30, 2021, but not to exceed \$700,000.00, in
3 equal proportions, on the New PEV Incentive Program and MileageSmart
4 established pursuant to 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34 as amended by
5 this act.

6 * * * Aviation * * *

7 Sec. 5a. CLARENDON SRE BUILDING

8 Within the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021
9 Transportation Program for Aviation, authorized spending for Clarendon AV-
10 FY20-001 is amended as follows:

<u>FY21</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
PE	20,000	0	-20,000
Construction	575,000	0	-575,000
Total	595,000	0	-595,000

15 Sources of funds

State	595,000	0	-595,000
Total	595,000	0	-595,000

18 Sec. 5b. MORRISTOWN FUEL FARM

19 Within the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021
20 Transportation Program for Aviation, authorized spending for Morristown AV-
21 FY21-015 is amended as follows:

1	<u>FY21</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
2	Construction	150,000	345,000	195,000
3	Total	150,000	345,000	195,000

4 Sources of funds

5	State	150,000	345,000	195,000
6	Total	150,000	345,000	195,000

7 * * * Transportation Buildings * * *

8 Sec. 5c. LUNENBURG GARAGE

9 Within the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021

10 Transportation Program for Transportation Buildings, authorized spending for

11 Transportation Buildings Lunenburg is amended as follows:

12	<u>FY21</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
13	PE	25,000	25,000	0
14	Construction	350,000	0	-350,000
15	Total	375,000	25,000	-350,000

16 Sources of funds

17	State	375,000	25,000	-350,000
18	Total	375,000	25,000	-350,000

1	<u>FY21</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
2	Construction	7,000,000	4,900,000	-2,100,000
3	Total	7,000,000	4,900,000	-2,100,000
4	<u>Source of funds</u>			
5	Federal	7,000,000	4,900,000	-2,100,000
6	Total	7,000,000	4,900,000	-2,100,000

7 *** Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities ***

8 **Sec. 7a. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT; BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN**

9 **GRANT PROGRAM**

10 Within the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021

11 Transportation Program for Program Development—Bicycle and Pedestrian

12 Facilities, authorized spending for Statewide State-Aid Construction Projects is

13 amended as follows:

14	<u>FY21</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
15	Construction	468,500	868,500	400,000
16	Total	468,500	868,500	400,000
17	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
18	State	234,250	434,250	200,000
19	Local	234,250	434,250	200,000
20	Total	468,500	868,500	400,000

1 Facilities, authorized spending for Swanton-St. Johnsbury LVRT () is
2 amended as follows:

	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>FY21</u>			
Other	2,500,000	7,030,000	4,530,000
Total	2,500,000	7,030,000	4,530,000
<u>FY22</u>			
Other	3,500,000	7,000,000	3,500,000
Total	3,500,000	7,000,000	3,500,000
<u>FY23</u>			
Other	4,500,000	0	-4,500,000
Total	4,500,000	0	-4,500,000
<u>FY24</u>			
Other	3,500,000	0	-3,500,000
Total	3,500,000	0	-3,500,000
<u>Sources of funds FY21</u>			
State	0	0	0
Other	500,000	1,430,000	930,000
Federal	2,000,000	5,600,000	3,600,000
Total	2,500,000	7,030,000	4,530,000
<u>Sources of funds FY22</u>			

1 minimum of \$250,000.00 shall be dedicated for the replacement of Department
2 of Motor Vehicles enforcement fleet vehicles.

3 * * * Plug-In Electric Vehicle Definitions * * *

4 Sec. 13. 23 V.S.A. § 4(85) is amended to read:

5 (85) “Plug-in electric vehicle” means a motor vehicle that can be
6 powered by an electric motor drawing current from a rechargeable energy
7 storage system, such as from storage batteries or other portable electrical
8 energy storage devices provided that the vehicle can draw recharge energy
9 from a source off the vehicle such as electric vehicle supply equipment. A
10 “plug-in electric vehicle” includes both a “battery electric vehicle” and a
11 “plug-in hybrid electric vehicle” where:

12 (A) “battery electric vehicle” means a motor vehicle that can only be
13 powered by an electric motor drawing current from a rechargeable energy
14 storage system; and

15 (B) “plug-in hybrid electric vehicle” means a motor vehicle that can
16 be powered by an electric motor drawing current from a rechargeable energy
17 storage system but also has an onboard combustion engine.

18 * * * Programs and Incentives to Foster Efficient Vehicle Adoption * * *

19 Sec. 14. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 34. VEHICLE INCENTIVE AND EMISSIONS REPAIR
21 PROGRAMS

1 (a) Vehicle incentive and emissions repair programs administration.

2 (1) The Agency of Transportation (Agency), in consultation with the
3 ~~Agency of Natural Resources, the Agency of Human Services, the Department~~
4 Departments of Environmental Conservation and of Public Service, Vermont
5 electric distribution utilities ~~that are offering incentives for PEVs~~, and
6 the State’s network of community action agencies, shall establish and
7 administer the programs described in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

8 (2) The Agency is authorized to spend \$2,000,000.00 as appropriated in
9 the fiscal year 2020 budget, \$50,000.00 in Transportation Fund monies, and
10 any additional monies as appropriated in the fiscal year 2021 budget or
11 Transportation Fund monies authorized to be expended by the Secretary of
12 Transportation pursuant to Secs. 3 and 5 of this act, or both, on the ~~two~~
13 programs described in subsections (b) and (c) of this section. Notwithstanding
14 any other provision of law and subject to the approval of the Secretary of
15 Administration, appropriations for the programs described in subsections (b)
16 and (c) of this section remaining unexpended on June 30, 2021 shall be carried
17 forward and designated for expenditure on these programs in the subsequent
18 fiscal year.

19 (3) Subject to State procurement requirements, the Agency may retain a
20 contractor or contractors to assist with marketing, program development, and
21 administration of the ~~two programs and up to~~ Up to \$150,000.00 of program

1 funding may be set aside for this purpose: for the programs described in
2 subsection (c) of this section in fiscal year 2020 and \$50,000.00 of program
3 funding shall be set aside for this purpose for the programs described in
4 subsection (c) of this section in fiscal year 2021 and to ensure that the
5 emissions repair program is operational not later than July 1, 2021. In fiscal
6 year 2021, the Agency is authorized to spend up to \$200,000.00 in program
7 funding to continue and expand the Agency’s public-private partnership with
8 Drive Electric Vermont to support the expansion of the PEV market in the
9 State through technical and consumer assistance; auto dealer education;
10 outreach and incentive program management, including marketing, consumer
11 support, record keeping and reporting, program development and modification,
12 and general program administration for the program described in subsection
13 (b) of this section; and PEV promotional efforts. The Agency shall develop, in
14 consultation with the Departments of Environmental Conservation and of
15 Public Service, a scope of work for funding the Agency’s grants to Drive
16 Electric Vermont pursuant to this section.

17 (4) The Agency shall administer the program described in subsection (b)
18 of this section through no-cost contracts with the State’s electric distribution
19 utilities.

20 (5) The Agency shall annually evaluate the two programs to gauge
21 effectiveness and submit a written report on the effectiveness of the programs

1 to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, the House Committee
2 on Energy and Technology, and the Senate Committee on Finance on or before
3 the 31st day of ~~December~~ January in each year following a year that an
4 incentive or repair voucher ~~is~~ was provided through one of the programs.
5 Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the annual report required under this section
6 shall continue to be required if an incentive or repair voucher is provided
7 through one of the programs unless the General Assembly takes specific action
8 to repeal the report requirement.

9 (b) Electric vehicle incentive program. A new PEV purchase and lease
10 incentive program for Vermont residents shall structure PEV purchase and
11 lease incentive payments by income to help ~~all~~ Vermonters benefit from
12 electric driving, including Vermont's most vulnerable. The program shall be
13 known as the New PEV Incentive Program. Specifically, the ~~program~~ New
14 PEV Incentive Program shall:

15 (1) apply to both purchases and leases of new PEVs with an emphasis
16 on creating and matching incentives for ~~exclusively electric powered vehicles~~
17 ~~that do not contain an onboard combustion engine~~ BEVs;

18 (2) provide ~~incentives~~ not more than one incentive of \$1,500.00 for a
19 PHEV or \$2,500.00 for a BEV to Vermont households with low and moderate
20 income at or below 160 percent of the State's prior five year average Median
21 Household Income (MHI) level:

1 (A) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
2 filing status is single or head of household with an adjusted gross income
3 under the laws of the United States greater than \$50,000.00 and at or below
4 \$100,000.00;

5 (B) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
6 filing status is surviving spouse with an adjusted gross income under the laws
7 of the United States greater than \$50,000.00 and at or below \$125,000.00;

8 (C) a married couple with at least one spouse domiciled in the State
9 whose federal income tax filing status is married filing jointly with an adjusted
10 gross income under the laws of the United States greater than \$50,000.00 and
11 at or below \$125,000.00; or

12 (D) a married couple with at least one spouse domiciled in the State
13 and at least one spouse whose federal income tax filing status is married filing
14 separately with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the United States
15 greater than \$50,000.00 and at or below \$100,000.00;

16 (3) provide not more than one incentive of \$3,000.00 for a PHEV or
17 \$4,000.00 for a BEV to:

18 (A) an individual domiciled in the State whose federal income tax
19 filing status is single, head of household, or surviving spouse with an adjusted
20 gross income under the laws of the United States at or below \$50,000.00;

1 (B) a married couple with at least one spouse domiciled in the State
2 whose federal income tax filing status is married filing jointly with an adjusted
3 gross income under the laws of the United States at or below \$50,000.00; or

4 (C) a married couple with at least one spouse domiciled in the State
5 and at least one spouse whose federal income tax filing status is married filing
6 separately with an adjusted gross income under the laws of the United States at
7 or below \$50,000.00;

8 (4) apply to manufactured PEVs with a Base Manufacturer's Suggested
9 Retail Price (MSRP) of \$40,000.00 or less; and

10 (4)(5) provide ~~no~~ not less than \$1,100,000.00, of the initial
11 \$2,000,000.00 authorization, and up to an additional \$2,050,000.00 in fiscal
12 year 2021 in PEV purchase and lease incentives.

13 (c) High fuel efficiency vehicle incentive and emissions repair program
14 programs. A used Used high fuel efficiency vehicle purchase incentive and
15 emissions repair program programs for Vermont residents shall structure high
16 fuel efficiency purchase incentive payments and emissions repair vouchers by
17 income to help all Vermonters benefit from more efficient driving, including
18 Vermont's most vulnerable. Not less than \$750,000.00 shall be provided in
19 point-of-sale and point-of repair vouchers.

20 (1) Specifically, the The high fuel efficiency vehicle incentive program
21 shall be known as MileageSmart and shall:

1 ~~(1)~~(A) apply to purchases of used high fuel-efficient motor vehicles,
2 which for purposes of this program shall be pleasure cars with a combined
3 city/highway fuel efficiency of at least 40 miles per gallon or miles per gallon
4 equivalent as rated by the Environmental Protection Agency when the vehicle
5 was new, and repairs of certain vehicles that failed the on-board diagnostic
6 (OBD) systems inspection;

7 ~~(2)~~(B) provide point-of-sale vouchers through the State's network of
8 community action agencies and base eligibility for the point-of-sale voucher on
9 the same criteria used for income qualification for weatherization services
10 through the Weatherization Program and eligibility for the point-of-repair
11 vouchers on the same criteria used for income qualification for Low Income
12 Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through the State's Economic
13 Services Division within the Department for Children and Families; and

14 ~~(3)~~(C) provide one of the following to qualifying individuals:

15 ~~(A)~~ a point-of-sale voucher of up to \$5,000.00 to assist in the
16 purchase of a used high fuel-efficient motor vehicle that may require that a
17 condition of the voucher be that if the individual is the owner of either a motor
18 vehicle that failed the OBD systems inspection or a motor vehicle that is more
19 than 15 years old and has a combined city/highway fuel efficiency of less than
20 25 miles per gallon as rated by the Environmental Protection Agency when the

1 vehicle was new that the vehicle will be removed from operation and either
2 donated to a nonprofit organization to be used for parts or destroyed; or.

3 (B)(2) The emissions repair program, which shall be operational on
4 or before July 1, 2021, shall:

5 (A) apply to repairs of certain vehicles that failed the on board
6 diagnostic (OBD) systems inspection;

7 (B) provide point-of-repair vouchers through the State's network of
8 community action agencies and base eligibility for voucher on the same criteria
9 used for income qualification for Low Income Home Energy Assistance
10 Program (LIHEAP) through the State's Economic Services Division within the
11 Department for Children and Families; and

12 (C) provide a point-of-repair voucher to repair a motor vehicle that
13 was ready for testing, failed the OBD systems inspection, requires repairs that
14 are not under warranty, and will be able to pass the State's vehicle inspection
15 once the repairs are made provided that the point-of-repair voucher is
16 commensurate with the fair market value of the vehicle to be repaired and does
17 not exceed \$2,500.00, with \$2,500.00 vouchers only being available to repair
18 vehicles with a fair market value of at least \$5,000.00.

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20 * * * Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program * * *

21 Sec. 15. 19 V.S.A. § 306(h) is amended to read:

1 (h) Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program. There shall be an annual
2 appropriation for grants to municipalities for resurfacing, rehabilitation, or
3 reconstruction of paved or unpaved class 2 town highways. However,
4 municipalities that have no State highways or class 1 town highways within
5 their borders may use the grants for such activities with respect to both class 2
6 and class 3 town highways. Each fiscal year, the Agency shall approve
7 qualifying projects with a total estimated State share cost of \$7,648,750.00 at a
8 minimum as new grants. The Agency's proposed appropriation for the
9 Program shall take into account the estimated amount of qualifying invoices
10 submitted to the Agency with respect to project grants approved in prior years
11 but not yet completed as well as with respect to new project grants to be
12 approved in the fiscal year. In a given fiscal year, should expenditures in the
13 Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program exceed the amount appropriated,
14 the Agency shall advise the Governor of the need to request a supplemental
15 appropriation from the General Assembly to fund the additional project cost,
16 provided that the Agency has previously committed to completing those
17 projects. Funds received as grants for State aid under the Class 2 Town
18 Highway Roadway Program may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion
19 of the matching requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection
20 309b(c) of this title.

1 * * * Transportation Demand Management and

2 Micro-Transit Innovations Grant Program * * *

3 Sec. 16. TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND MICRO-
4 TRANSIT INNOVATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

5 (a) The Agency shall establish and administer a transportation demand
6 management and micro-transit innovations grant program within the Public
7 Transit Program to incentivize and continue support for the advancement of
8 transportation demand management programs and new transit initiatives.

9 (b) The Agency shall distribute \$500,000.00 in grant awards, with each
10 recipient only eligible to receive up to \$100,000.00 in grant awards.

11 (c) Grant awards may be used for one or more of the following: matching
12 funds for other grant awards; program delivery costs; or for the extension of
13 existing programs.

14 (d) Grant awards shall be distributed not later than November 30, 2020 and
15 shall incentivize innovative strategies that improve both mobility and access
16 for transit-dependent Vermonters, reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles
17 for work trips, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

18 * * * All-Terrain Vehicles * * *

19 Sec. 17. 23 V.S.A. §§ 3501 and 3502 are amended to read:

20 § 3501. DEFINITIONS

21 As used in this chapter:

1 (1) ~~“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles unless~~
2 ~~otherwise stated.~~

3 (2) ~~“Department” means Department of Motor Vehicles unless~~
4 ~~otherwise stated.~~

5 (3) ~~“Operate” includes an attempt to operate and shall be construed to~~
6 ~~cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of all terrain~~
7 ~~vehicles whether they be at motion or rest.~~

8 (4) ~~“Secretary” means the Secretary of Natural Resources.~~

9 (5) “All-terrain vehicle” or “ATV” means any nonhighway recreational
10 vehicle, except snowmobiles, having ~~no~~ not less than two low pressure tires
11 (10 pounds per square inch, or less), not wider than 64 inches with two-wheel
12 ATVs having permanent, full-time power to both wheels, and having a dry
13 weight of less than 1,700 pounds, when used for cross-country travel on trails
14 or on any one of the following or a combination thereof: land, water, snow,
15 ice, marsh, swampland, and natural terrain. An ATV on a public highway shall
16 be considered a motor vehicle, as defined in section 4 of this title, only for the
17 purposes of those offenses listed in subdivisions 2502(a)(1)(H), (N), (R), (U),
18 (Y), (FF), (GG), (II), and (AAA); (2)(A) and (B); (3)(A), (B), (C), and (D);
19 (4)(A) and (B) and (5) of this title and as provided in section 1201 of this title.
20 An ATV shall not include an electric personal assistive mobility device.

1 (2) “Department” means the Department of Motor Vehicles unless
2 otherwise stated.

3 (3) “Direct supervision” means that the supervisor shall be sufficiently
4 close and able to control, by communicating visually or orally, the operation of
5 an ATV by an operator under 16 years of age, taking into account the noise
6 created by an ATV and protective headgear worn by the operator.

7 (4) “Farm” means a parcel or parcels of land owned, leased, or managed
8 by a person and devoted primarily to farming.

9 (5) “Forestry operation” has the same meaning as in 10 V.S.A. § 2602.

10 (6) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Natural Resources.

11 (7) “State lands” means land owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by
12 the State.

13 (8) “Club or association” means an all terrain vehicle club or
14 “VASA” means the Vermont ATV Sportsman’s Association, a statewide
15 association of ATV clubs.

16 § 3502. REGISTRATION AND TRAIL ACCESS DECAL (TAD)

17 REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS

18 (a)(1) An all terrain vehicle may not be operated Except as otherwise
19 provided in this section, an individual shall not operate an ATV on the VASA
20 Trail System, on State land designated by the Secretary pursuant to subdivision

1 3506(b)(4) of this title, or along any highway that is not adjacent to the
2 property of the operator unless the ATV:

3 (A) is registered pursuant to this chapter or any other section of this
4 title by the State of Vermont and unless the all-terrain vehicle or in accordance
5 with subsection (e) of this section; and

6 (B) displays a valid Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association (VASA)
7 VASA Trail Access Decal (TAD) when operating on a VASA trail, except
8 when operated;

9 (1)(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, neither
10 registration nor display of a TAD is required to operate an ATV:

11 (A) On on the property of the owner of the all-terrain vehicle. ATV;

12 (2)(B) Off the highway, In in a ski area while being used, off the
13 highway, for the purpose of grooming snow, maintenance, or in rescue
14 operations;

15 (3)(C) For for official use by a federal, State, or municipal agency and
16 only if the all-terrain vehicle ATV is identified with the name or seal of the
17 agency in a manner approved by the Commissioner; or

18 **(4)(D)** Solely on privately owned land when the operator is specifically
19 invited to do so by the owner of that the property and has on his or her person
20 carries the written consent of the owner.

1 the same circumstances that a resident of this State is required to possess a
2 valid TAD.

3 Sec. 18. 23 V.S.A. § 3506 is amended to read:

4 § 3506. OPERATION; PROHIBITED ACTS; FINANCIAL
5 RESPONSIBILITY; HEADGEAR

6 (a) A person shall only operate an ATV, or permit an ~~all-terrain vehicle~~
7 ATV owned by him or her or under his or her control to be operated, in
8 accordance with this chapter.

9 (b) An ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV shall not be operated:

10 (1) Along a public highway except if one or more of the following
11 applies:

12 (A) ~~the highway is not being maintained during the snow season;~~

13 (B) the highway has been opened to ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV travel by
14 ~~the selectboard or trustees or local governing body~~ legislative body of the
15 municipality where the town highway is located or, for State highways, the
16 Secretary of Transportation and is so posted ~~by the municipality;~~

17 (C) ~~(B)~~ the ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV is being used for agricultural
18 purposes and is operated not closer than three feet from the traveled portion of
19 any highway for the purpose of traveling within the confines of the farm; ~~or~~

1 (C) the ATV is being use for forestry purposes and is operated not
2 closer than three feet from the traveled portion of any highway for the purpose
3 of traveling within the confines of the forestry operation; or

4 (D) the ~~all-terrain vehiele~~ ATV is being used by an employee or
5 agent of an electric transmission or distribution company subject to the
6 jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission under 30 V.S.A. § 203 for utility
7 purposes, including safely accessing utility corridors, provided that the ~~all-~~
8 ~~terrain-vehiele~~ ATV shall be operated along the edge of the roadway and shall
9 yield to other vehicles.

10 (2) Across a public highway ~~unless~~ except if all of the following
11 conditions are met:

12 (A) the crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to
13 the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a
14 quick and safe crossing; ~~and~~

15 (B) the operator brings the ~~all-terrain vehiele~~ ATV to a complete stop
16 before entering the ~~travelled~~ traveled portion of the highway; ~~and~~

17 (C) the operator yields the ~~right-of-way~~ right of way to motor
18 vehicles and pedestrians using the highway; ~~and~~

19 (D) the operator is 12 years of age or older; ~~and that~~

20 (E) in the case of an operator under 16 years of age, ~~must be the~~
21 operator is under the direct supervision of ~~a person~~ an individual 18 years of

1 age or older who does not have a suspended operator's license or privilege to
2 operate.

3 (3) On any privately owned land or privately owned body of ~~private~~
4 water unless either:

5 (A) the operator is the owner, or member of the immediate family of
6 the owner of the land; ~~or~~

7 (B) the operator ~~has, on his or her person,~~ carries the written consent
8 of the owner or lessee of the land or the land surrounding the privately owned
9 body of water to operate an ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV in the specific area and
10 during specific hours ~~and/or~~ or days, or both in which the operator is operating,
11 ~~or~~;

12 (C) the ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV displays a valid ~~TAD decal~~ VASA
13 Trail Access Decal (TAD) as required by subsection 3502(a) of this title that
14 serves as proof that the ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV and its operator, by virtue of
15 the TAD, are members of a ~~VASA-affiliated club to which such~~ VASA and
16 consent has been given orally or in writing to operate an ~~all-terrain vehicle~~
17 ATV in the area ~~in which~~ where the operator is operating; or

18 (C)(D) the owner of the land ~~has~~ or the land surrounding the privately
19 owned body of water designated the area for use by ~~all-terrain vehicles~~ ATVs
20 by posting the area in a manner approved by the Secretary to give reasonable
21 notice that use is permitted.

1 (4) On any ~~public land~~ municipal lands unless opened to ATV travel by
2 the legislative body of the municipality where the land is located or on any
3 State lands, body of public water, or natural area established under the
4 provisions of 10 V.S.A. § 2607 unless ~~the Secretary has~~ designated the area by
5 the Secretary for use by ~~all terrain vehicles pursuant to~~ ATVs in rules
6 ~~promulgated~~ adopted under ~~provisions of~~ 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

7 (5) By ~~a person~~ an individual under 12 years of age unless he or she is
8 wearing on his or her head protective headgear of a type approved by the
9 Commissioner while operating the ATV or riding as a passenger on the ATV
10 and either:

11 (A) he or she is on land owned by his or her parents, family, or
12 guardian;

13 (B) he or she has written permission of the landowner or lessee; or

14 (C) he or she is under the direct supervision of ~~a person at least an~~
15 individual 18 years of age or older who does not have a suspended operator's
16 license or privilege to operate.

17 (6) In any manner ~~intended or~~ that could reasonably ~~to~~ be expected to
18 harm, harass, drive, or pursue any wildlife.

19 (7) If the registration certificate or consent form ~~is~~ and proof of
20 insurance are not available for inspection, and the registration number, or plate

1 of a size and type approved by the Commissioner, is not displayed on the ~~all-~~
2 ~~terrain vehicle~~ ATV in a manner approved by the Commissioner.

3 (8) While the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol as
4 defined by this title.

5 (9) In a careless or negligent manner ~~or in a manner~~ that is inconsistent
6 with the duty of ordinary care, so as to endanger ~~a person~~ an individual or
7 property.

8 (10) Within a cemetery, public or private, as defined in 18 V.S.A.
9 § 5302.

10 (11) On limited access highways, ~~rights-of-way~~ rights-of-way, or
11 approaches unless permitted by the Traffic Committee under section 1004 of
12 this title. In no cases shall the use of ~~all-terrain vehicles~~ ATVs be permitted on
13 any portion of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and
14 Defense Highways unless the Traffic Committee permits operation on these
15 highways.

16 (12) On a sidewalk unless permitted by the ~~selectboard or trustees of the~~
17 ~~local governing~~ legislative body of the municipality where the sidewalk is
18 located.

19 (13) Without liability insurance as described in this subdivision. The
20 owner or operator of an ATV shall not operate or permit the operation of an
21 ATV at locations where the ATV must be registered in order to be lawfully

1 operated under section 3502 of this title without having in effect a bond or a
2 liability policy in the amounts of at least \$25,000.00 for one individual and
3 \$50,000.00 for two or more individuals killed or injured and \$10,000.00 for
4 damages to property in any one accident. In lieu of a bond or liability policy,
5 evidence of self-insurance in the amount of \$115,000.00 must be filed with the
6 Commissioner. Financial responsibility shall be maintained and evidenced in a
7 form prescribed by the Commissioner, and persons who self-insure shall be
8 subject to the provisions of subsection 801(c) of this title.

9 (14) While the operator's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle
10 is suspended, unless operated at a location described in subdivision
11 3502(a)(2)(A) or (D) of this title.

12 (15) Outside the boundaries of trails established by the VASA Trail
13 System unless such operation is specifically authorized pursuant to another
14 provision of this chapter.

15 (16) Unless the operator and all passengers wear properly secured
16 protective headgear, of a type approved by the Commissioner and as intended
17 by the manufacturer, if the ATV is operated at locations where the ATV must
18 be registered in order to be lawfully operated under section 3502 of this title.

19 (c) No public or private landowner shall be liable for any property damage
20 or personal injury sustained by any ~~person~~ individual operating or riding as a
21 passenger on an ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV or upon a vehicle or other device

1 drawn by an ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV upon the public or private landowner's
2 property, whether or not the public or private landowner has given permission
3 to use the land, unless the public or private landowner charges a cash fee to the
4 operator or owner of the ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV for the use of the property or
5 unless damage or injury is intentionally inflicted by the landowner.

6 (d) In addition to all other requirements, an ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV may
7 not be operated:

8 (1) if equipped with an exhaust system with a cut out, bypass, or similar
9 device; or

10 (2) with the spark arrester removed or modified, except for use in closed
11 course competition events.

12 (e) In addition to all other requirements, an ~~all-terrain vehicle~~ ATV may
13 not be operated by an operator who is less than 18 years of age unless one of
14 the following criteria is met:

15 (1) the operator is operating on property owned or leased by the operator
16 or his or her parents or guardian; or

17 (2) the operator is taking a prescribed safety education training course
18 and operating under the direct supervision of a certified ~~all-terrain vehicle~~
19 ATV safety instructor; or

1 (3) the operator holds an appropriate safety education certificate issued
2 by this State or issued under the authority of another state or province of
3 Canada.

4 (f) ~~A person~~ An individual who is required to hold an appropriate safety
5 education certificate under the provisions of subsection (e) of this section shall
6 exhibit the safety education certificate upon demand of a law enforcement
7 officer having authority to enforce the provisions of this section.

8 (g) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, the~~
9 ~~Commissioner may authorize the temporary operation of all terrain vehicles~~
10 ~~not registered in this State on Route 253 in Beecher Falls for an annual special~~
11 ~~event, provided the all terrain vehicle is registered in another state or province.~~
12 [Repealed.]

13 * * * U.S. Postal Service; Vehicle Inspection; Sunset Repeal * * *
14 Sec. 19. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 31(a)(4) is amended to read:

15 (4) ~~23 V.S.A. § 1222(e), added in Sec. 27 (inspections; mail carrier~~
16 ~~vehicles), shall be repealed on July 1, 2020. [Repealed.]~~

17 * * * Permit Fees; Waiver * * *

18 Sec. 20. AUTHORITY TO WAIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT FEES

19 (a) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 1112(b), the Secretary is authorized to
20 waive fees associated with permits or permit amendments issued pursuant to

1 19 V.S.A. § 1111 for any reason associated with the response and recovery to
2 the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall continue in effect until six months
4 after the conclusion of a state of emergency declared under 20 V.S.A.
5 chapter 1 due to COVID-19.

6 * * * Use of Pozzolans as an Alternative to Portland Cement * * *

7 Sec. 21. USE OF POZZOLANS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PORTLAND
8 CEMENT

9 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

10 (1) Pozzolans, such as pulverized fuel ash (commonly known as “fly
11 ash”), ground granulated blast-furnace slag, and silica fume, can be used to
12 partially replace a portion of the Portland Cement used in the production of
13 concrete.

14 (2) Using pozzolans in the production of concrete for transportation
15 infrastructure projects can typically reduce the use of Portland Cement by 40 to
16 50 percent.

17 (3) Using pozzolans in a concrete mix design can:

18 (A) reduce the carbon dioxide emissions associated with
19 transportation infrastructure projects, such as bridges and sidewalks;

20 (B) increase the compressive strength and durability of concrete; and

21 (C) decrease construction costs.

1 (4) Pozzolans cannot be used as a complete substitute for Portland
2 Cement in a concrete mix design because they enhance and do not replace the
3 cementitious properties of Portland Cement as it hydrates as part of the overall
4 chemical reaction that binds and strengthens the concrete.

5 (b) Use of Portland Cement. The Agency is encouraged to continue
6 researching, testing, and wherever practicable, using pozzolans and alternatives
7 to Portland Cement as part of the concrete mix designs for all transportation
8 infrastructure projects.

9 *** Study on Direct-to-Consumer Motor Vehicle Sales; Report ***

10 **Sec. 22. STUDY ON DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER MOTOR VEHICLE**

11 **SALES; REPORT**

12 (a) The Agency of Transportation, in consultation with the Attorney
13 General’s Office, the Department of Financial Regulation, a manufacturer that
14 engages in direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales to Vermont consumers, and
15 the Vermont Vehicle and Automotive Distributors Association, shall conduct a
16 study and, on or before December 15, 2020, file a written report on the
17 findings of its study, sources reviewed, and recommendations regarding the
18 regulation of direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales with the Senate
19 Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on
20 Transportation and the House Committees on Commerce and Economic
21 Development and on Transportation.

1 (b) The report shall, at a minimum, include a review of:

2 (1) all Vermont consumer protection laws and regulations that currently
3 apply when a consumer purchases a motor vehicle from a dealer registered
4 pursuant to 23 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 4, whether those consumer
5 protections currently apply to direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales, and, if
6 not, whether those consumer protections should apply to direct-to-consumer
7 motor vehicle sales;

8 (2) how consumers currently obtain financing in direct-to-consumer
9 motor vehicle sales and any proposals that would better protect Vermont
10 consumers who engage in direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales;

11 (3) how consumers are currently taxed in direct-to-consumer motor
12 vehicle sales and whether there are steps the State can take to maximize the
13 collection of taxes owed on direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales where the
14 vehicles are operated in Vermont;

15 (4) any enforcement issues related to direct-to-consumer motor vehicle
16 sales;

17 (5) what reasons, if any, exist to prohibit manufacturers engaged in
18 direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales from owning, operating, or controlling
19 a motor vehicle warranty or service facility in the State and a recommendation
20 on whether a sales center should be required if a manufacturer engaged in

1 direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales is permitted to own, operate, or control
2 a motor vehicle warranty or service facility in the State:

3 (6) laws, rules, and best practices from other jurisdictions and any model
4 legislation related to the regulation of direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales;
5 and

6 (7) how any proposed amendments to Vermont law regulating direct-to-
7 consumer motor vehicle sales will affect dealers registered pursuant to
8 23 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 4; franchisors and franchisees, as defined in
9 9 V.S.A. § 4085; and other persons who are selling motor vehicles to
10 Vermonters.

11 (c) As used in this section, “direct-to-consumer motor vehicle sales” means
12 sales made by:

13 (1) motor vehicle manufacturers that sell or lease vehicles they
14 manufacture directly to Vermont consumers and not through dealers registered
15 pursuant to 23 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 4; or

16 (2) other persons that sell or lease new or used motor vehicles directly to
17 Vermont consumers and not through Vermont licensed dealers registered
18 pursuant to 23 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 4 on websites such as Carvana,
19 Vroom, and TrueCar.

20 * * * Effective Dates * * *

21 Sec. 23. EFFECTIVE DATES

1 (a) This section and Secs. 2 (federal funding), 3 (spending redirection),
2 4 (Amtrak), 19 (U.S. Postal Service vehicle inspection exemption sunset
3 repeal; 23 V.S.A. § 1222(e)), and 20 (section 1111 permit fee waiver) shall
4 take effect on passage.

5 (b) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE