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**[EXPECTED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE T. BILL**

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**NEW TO THE BILL AND COMMITTEE HAS NOT SEEN**

\* \* \* Vehicle Incentive Programs \* \* \*

\* \* \* MileageSmart \* \* \*

Sec. 7. 19 V.S.A. § 2903(b)(2) is amended to read:

(2) provide not more than one point-of-sale voucher worth up to \$5,000.00 to an individual who is a member of a household with an adjusted gross income that is ~~at or below~~ set at an amount not to exceed 80 percent of the State median income.

\* \* \* Replace Your Ride Program \* \* \*

Sec. 8. 19 V.S.A. § 2904 is amended to read:

§ 2904. REPLACE YOUR RIDE PROGRAM

\* \* \*

(d) Eligibility. Applicants must qualify through both income and the removal of an eligible vehicle with an internal combustion engine.

(1) Income eligibility.

\* \* \*

(B) The higher incentive amount of up to \$5,000.00 is available to the following, provided that all other eligibility requirements are met:

\* \* \*

1 (vi) an individual who is a member of a household with an  
2 adjusted gross income that is ~~at or below~~ set at an amount not to exceed 80  
3 percent of the State median income.

4 (2) Vehicle removal.

5 \* \* \*

6 (B) For purposes of the Replace Your Ride Program:

7 (i) An “older low-efficiency vehicle”:

8 \* \* \*

9 (VI) passed the safety inspection portion, but not necessarily  
10 the emissions or on board diagnostic (OBD) systems inspection portion, of the  
11 annual inspection required under 23 V.S.A. § 1222 within the prior year.

12 \* \* \*

13 Sec. 9. 19 V.S.A. § 2904a is added to read:

14 § 2904a. REPLACE YOUR RIDE PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY;

15 EMERGENCIES

16 Notwithstanding subdivisions 2904(d)(2)(A) and (d)(2)(B)(i)(IV)–(VI) of  
17 this chapter, the Agency of Transportation is authorized to waive or modify the  
18 eligibility requirements for the Replace Your Ride Program under subdivisions  
19 (d)(2)(B)(i)(IV)–(VI) that pertain to the removal of an eligible vehicle as  
20 required under subdivision 2904(d)(2)(A) of this chapter provided that:



1 (d) Program structure. The Electrify Your Fleet Program shall reduce the  
2 greenhouse gas emissions of persons operating a motor vehicle fleet in  
3 Vermont by structuring purchase and lease incentive payments on a first-come,  
4 first-served basis to replace vehicles other than a plug-in electric vehicle (PEV)  
5 cycled out of a motor vehicle fleet or avoid the purchase of vehicles other than  
6 a PEV for a motor vehicle fleet. Specifically, the Electrify Your Fleet Program  
7 shall:

8 \* \* \*

9 (2) provide \$2,500.00 purchase and lease incentives for:

10 \* \* \*

11 (C) electric bicycles and electric cargo bicycles with a base MSRP of  
12 ~~\$6,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 or less;

13 (D) adaptive electric cycles with any base MSRP;

14 (E) electric motorcycles with a base MSRP of \$30,000.00 or less; and

15 (F) electric snowmobiles with a base MSRP of \$20,000.00 or less;

16 and

17 (G) electric all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), as defined in 23 V.S.A.  
18 § 3501 and including electric utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), with a base  
19 MSRP of \$50,000.00 or less;

20 \* \* \*

21 \* \* \* Annual Reporting \* \* \*

1 Sec. 11. 19 V.S.A. § 2905 is amended to read:

2 § 2905. ANNUAL REPORTING; VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

3 (a) The Agency shall annually evaluate the programs established under  
4 sections 2902–2904 of this chapter to gauge effectiveness and shall submit a  
5 written report on the effectiveness of the programs and the State’s marketing  
6 and outreach efforts related to the programs to the House and Senate  
7 Committees on Transportation, the House Committee on Environment and  
8 Energy, and the Senate Committee on Finance Natural Resources and Energy  
9 on or before the 31st day of January in each year following a year that an  
10 incentive was provided through one of the programs.

11 (b) The report shall also include:

12 (1) any intended modifications to program guidelines for the upcoming  
13 fiscal year along with an explanation for the reasoning behind the  
14 modifications and how the modifications will yield greater uptake of PEVs and  
15 other means of transportation that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions; ~~and~~

16 (2) any recommendations on statutory modifications to the programs,  
17 including to income and vehicle eligibility, along with an explanation for the  
18 reasoning behind the statutory modification recommendations and how the  
19 modifications will yield greater uptake of PEVs and other means of  
20 transportation that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

1           (3) any recommendations for how to better conduct outreach and  
2           marketing to ensure the greatest possible uptake of incentives under the  
3           programs.

4           (c) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the annual report required under this  
5           section shall continue to be required if an incentive is provided through one of  
6           the programs unless the General Assembly takes specific action to repeal the  
7           report requirement.

8           \*\*\* Authority to Transfer Monies in State Fiscal Year 2025 \*\*\*

9           Sec. 12. TRANSFER OF MONIES BETWEEN VEHICLE INCENTIVE  
10           PROGRAMS IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025

11           (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and any appropriations or  
12           authorizations of monies for vehicle incentive programs created under  
13           19 V.S.A. §§ 2902–2904, in State fiscal year 2025 the Secretary of  
14           Transportation may transfer up to 50 percent of any remaining monies for a  
15           vehicle incentive program created under 19 V.S.A. §§ 2902–2904 to any other  
16           vehicle incentive program created under 19 V.S.A. §§ 2902–2904 that has less  
17           than \$500,000.00 available for distribution as a vehicle incentive.

18           (b) Any transfers made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be  
19           reported to the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal  
20           Office within 30 days after the transfer.

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**\*\*\* Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) \*\*\***

Sec. 13. 19 V.S.A. chapter 29 is amended to read:

**CHAPTER 29. VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS; ELECTRIC  
VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT**

**§ 2901. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this chapter:

**\*\*\***

(4) “Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)” and “electric vehicle supply equipment available to the public” have the same meanings as in 30 V.S.A. § 201.

(5) “Plug-in electric vehicle (PEV),” “battery electric vehicle (BEV),” and “plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)” have the same meanings as in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85).

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**§ 2906. ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT GOALS**

It shall be the goal of the State to have, as practicable, **level 3 EVSE charging ports** available to the public:

(1) **within three driving miles** of every exit of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways within the State;

1           (2) not more than 25 driving miles of another level 3 EVSE charging  
2           port available to the public along a State highway, as defined in subdivision  
3           1(20) of this title; and

4           (3) co-located with or within a safe, five-minute walk of publicly  
5           accessible amenities such as restrooms, restaurants, and convenience stores to  
6           provide a safe, consistent, and convenient experience for the traveling public  
7           along the State highway system.

8           § 2907. ANNUAL REPORTING; ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY

9           EQUIPMENT

10          (a) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the Agency of Transportation shall:

11           (1) file a report, with map, on the State's efforts to meet its federally  
12           required Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan, as updated, with the  
13           House and Senate Committees on Transportation not later than January 15  
14           each year until the Deployment Plan is met;

15           (2) file a report on additional efforts to deploy EVSE through any State  
16           EVSE grant programs, including grant programs to increase Vermonters'  
17           access to charging at workplaces, multiunit dwellings, and community  
18           attractions with the House and Senate Committees on Transportation not later  
19           than January 15 each year in a year following a calendar year where a State  
20           EVSE grant program provides funding for EVSE; and



1           (3) file a report on the current conditions of EVSE available to the  
2 public and deployed through the assistance of public, State or federal, funding;  
3 how other states or jurisdictions are addressing broken or unavailable EVSE  
4 available to the public; and any recommendations on how best to minimize the  
5 frequency that EVSE available to the public is broken or unavailable with the  
6 House and Senate Committees on Transportation not later than January 15  
7 each year.

8           (b) The reports required under subsection (a) of this section can be  
9 combined when filing with the House and Senate Committees on  
10 Transportation and shall prominently be posted on the Agency of  
11 Transportation and Agency of Commerce and Community Development's  
12 websites, as applicable.

13           Sec. 14. REPEAL OF CURRENT EVSE MAP REPORT AND EXISTING  
14 GOALS

15           2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 30, as amended by 2022 Acts and  
16 Resolves No. 184, Sec. 4 (EVSE network in Vermont goals; report of annual  
17 map) is repealed.

18           Sec. 15. EVSE PLAN; REPORT

19           The Agency of Transportation, in consultation with the Agencies  
20 Agriculture, Food and Markets and of Commerce and Community  
21 Development, shall prepare a written plan, which may incorporate other plans

1 that have been prepared to secure federal funding under the National Electric  
2 Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, for how to fund and maintain the  
3 EVSE necessary for Vermont to meet that portion of the goals of the  
4 Comprehensive Energy Plan and the Vermont Climate Action Plan. The  
5 written plan shall be filed with the House and Senate Committees on  
6 Transportation not later than January 15, 2025.

7 Sec. 16. RECOMMENDATION ON EVSE REGULATION

8 (a) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, in consultation with the  
9 Agencies of Transportation and of Commerce and Community Development,  
10 the Department of Public Service, the Public Utility Commission, the Office of  
11 the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Drive Electric Vermont,  
12 and EVSE industry participants, shall prepare written recommendations on  
13 what regulations, if any, should be placed on EVSE available to the public that  
14 is not owned and operated by an electric distribution utility. The written  
15 recommendations shall include clear explanations for regulatory  
16 recommendations regarding EVSE, trade professionals, fees, penalties,  
17 appeals, number of affected EVSE and trade professionals; projected revenues  
18 and program costs; initial findings regarding EVSE tolerances and non-  
19 compliant EVSE; and plans for education and outreach in advance of the  
20 implementation of any regulations or enforcement. The written  
21 recommendations shall be filed with the House and Senate Committees on

1 Transportation, the House Committees on Commerce and Economic  
2 Development and on Environment and Energy, and the Senate Committees on  
3 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, on Finance, and on  
4 Natural Resources and Energy not later than November 15, 2024.

5 (b) Notwithstanding 9 V.S.A. chapter 73 and any State law or rule that may  
6 authorize regulation of EVSE not owned by an electric distribution utility, the  
7 State shall not implement an EVSE regulatory program or take any  
8 enforcement action related to EVSE regulation before the report required under  
9 subsection (a) of this section is filed.