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5 Burlington, Purvis of Colchester, and Till of Jericho

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Taxation; sales tax holiday

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to declare
10 August 29 and 30, 2015, a State sales tax holiday.

11 An act relating to declaring August 29 and 30, 2015, a State sales tax
12 holiday

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

14 Sec. 1. SALES AND USE TAX HOLIDAY

15 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 9771 and 24 V.S.A.
16 § 138, a sales and use tax or local option sales tax shall not be imposed or
17 collected on sales to individuals for personal use items or tangible personal
18 property at a sales price of \$2,000.00 or less on August 29 and 30, 2015.

19 (b) A vendor in good standing shall be entitled to claim reimbursement for
20 its expenditures for the reprogramming of cash registers and computer

1 equipment which were in use at the place of business on and after August 30,
2 2015, for the August 29 and 30, 2015, sales tax holiday. Claims shall be filed
3 with the Department of Taxes within 60 days of the date of the sales tax
4 holiday, with receipts or such other documentation the Department may
5 require. The amount of reimbursement to each vendor shall not exceed the
6 least of the three following amounts:

7 (1) the actual cost to the vendor of reprogramming its cash registers and
8 computer equipment;

9 (2) \$50.00; or

10 (3) \$10,000.00 divided by the number of qualified vendor applicants.

11 (c) Any municipality with a local option sales tax affected by the sales tax
12 holiday imposed by this section shall be reimbursed from the Department of
13 Taxes for the amount of local option sales tax revenues lost to the
14 municipality. The Commissioner of Taxes shall develop a methodology for
15 determining such reimbursement. The Commissioner shall also adjust the
16 deposit in the PILOT special fund, as established in 32 V.S.A. § 3709, for lost
17 deposits due to sales tax holidays. Should the amount appropriated for these
18 purposes under subsection (d) of this section be insufficient to reimburse fully
19 the municipalities and adjust the PILOT special fund, reimbursements to
20 municipalities shall take priority.

1 (d) In fiscal year 2016, \$10,000.00 in general funds is appropriated for
2 payments for the reprogramming under subsection (b) of this section, and
3 \$100,000.00 in general funds is appropriated for the reimbursement to
4 municipalities and adjustments under subsection (c) of this section.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.