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Introduced by Representatives Shand of Weathersfield, Adams of Hartland,
Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro, Howrigan of
Fairfield, Johnson of South Hero, Marek of Newfane, Mitchell
of Barnard, Potter of Clarendon, Smith of Mendon and
Sweaney of Windsor and Turner of Milton

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; motor vehicle insurance; hazardous materials;
cleanup costs

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require insurers that offer motor
vehicle insurance to Vermonters to cover the cleanup costs of hazardous
materials incurred by an insured due to a motor vehicle accident.

An act relating to motor vehicle insurance coverage for hazardous material
cleanup costs

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

Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4203(7) is added to read:

(7) Policies of motor vehicle insurance shall provide coverage for any
costs incurred by the insured which are related to the cleanup of hazardous
materials caused by a motor vehicle accident. In addition to any other

1 substances defined under state or federal law as a hazardous material, for
2 purposes of this section, hazardous materials include: gasoline, oil, antifreeze,
3 batteries, degreasing agents, and windshield washing fluid.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 Sec. 1 of this act shall apply to all policies and contracts offered, issued, or
6 renewed on and after September 1, 2010.