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ACTION CALENDAR

CONSIDERATION POSTPONED TO APRIL 20, 2010

Third Reading

S.R. 17.

Senate resolution urging Congress to authorize alternative waivers to the 21-year-old minimum drinking age that do not entail federal highway funding penalties for states.

H. 524.

An act relating to interference with or cruelty to a guide dog.

Second Reading

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

H. 213.

An act to provide fairness to tenants in cases of contested housing security deposit withholding.

Reported favorably by Senator McCormack for the Committee on Finance.

(Committee Vote: 6-0-1)

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Campbell for the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by adding a new section to be Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 9 V.S.A. § 4467 is amended to read:

§ 4467. TERMINATION OF TENANCY; NOTICE

(a) Termination for nonpayment of rent. The landlord may terminate a tenancy for nonpayment of rent by providing actual notice to the tenant of the date on which the tenancy will terminate which shall be at least 14 days after the date of the actual notice. The rental agreement shall not terminate if the tenant pays or tenders rent due through the end of the rental period in which payment is made or tendered. Acceptance of partial payment of rent shall not constitute a waiver of the landlord's remedies for nonpayment of rent or an accord and satisfaction for nonpayment of rent.

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(Committee vote: 4-0-1)

(No House amendments.)

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 264

An act relating to stop and hauling charges.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill by striking Sec. 5 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This bill shall take effect upon passage, except that Sec. 2. (amendment to 6 V.S.A. § 2676, mandating that cost of hauling to be paid by buyer) shall take effect when New York and Pennsylvania require, by legislative or administrative enactment of statewide applicability and enforcement, that dairy hauling costs be paid by the purchaser of cows' milk rather than the producer of the milk.

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

H. 527.

An act relating to municipal recovery of costs of fire department response.

H. 759.

An act relating to executive branch fees.

H. 771.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the town of Stowe.

Second Reading

Favorable

H. 689.

An act relating to the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act.

Reported favorably by Senator Cummings for the Committee on Finance.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

H. 774.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the city of South Burlington.

Reported favorably by Senator Flanagan for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

H. 775.

An act relating to technical changes to the records management authority of the Vermont state archives and records administration.

Reported favorably by Senator White for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

H. 788.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the town of Berlin.

Reported favorably by Senator Doyle for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

H. 578.

An act relating to requiring all state law enforcement officers to serve under the direction and control of the commissioner of public safety.

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator White for the Committee on Government Operations.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by adding a Sec. 2a to read:

Sec. 2a. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY; REPORT

The commissioner of public safety shall file a report with the house and senate committees on government operations by January 15, 2011. The report shall explain the commissioner's efforts to develop criteria to measure the reduction of redundancies and the increase in communication as set forth in Sec. 1 of this act. The report shall also recommend improvements in the command and coordination of Vermont law enforcement agencies.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal for March 9, 2010, page 356.)

H. 784.

An act relating to the state's transportation program.

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Mazza for the Committee on Transportation.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

(a) The state's proposed fiscal year 2011 transportation program appended to the agency of transportation's proposed fiscal year 2011 budget, as amended by this act, is adopted to the extent federal, state, and local funds are available.

(b) As used in this act, unless otherwise indicated:

(1) the term "agency" means the agency of transportation;

(2) the term "secretary" means the secretary of transportation;

(3) the table heading "As Proposed" means the transportation program referenced in subsection (a) of this section; the table heading "As Amended" means the amendments as made by this act; the table heading "Change" means the difference obtained by subtracting the "As Proposed" figure from the "As Amended" figure; and the term "change" or "changes" in the text refers to the project- and program-specific amendments, the aggregate sum of which equals the net "Change" in the applicable table heading;

(4) the term "ARRA funds" refers to federal funds allocated to the state by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;

(5) the term "TIB funds" refers to monies deposited in the transportation infrastructure bond fund in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 11f;

(6) the term "debt service reserve" refers to funds required to be segregated under the terms of a trust agreement entered into to secure transportation infrastructure bonds issued pursuant to subchapter 4 of chapter 13 of Title 32;

(7) the column heading "TIB" in the agency's proposed fiscal year 2011 transportation program refers to TIB funds and to the proceeds of transportation infrastructure bonds issued pursuant to Sec. 13 of this act; and

(8) the term "TIB bond" refers to the proceeds of transportation infrastructure bonds issued pursuant to Sec. 19 of this act.

Sec. 2. RAIL

The following modifications are made to the rail program:

(1) A new project is added for Albany, New York – Bennington, Vermont – Rutland, Vermont bi-state intercity rail corridor track 3 planning with the following spending authority:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Other	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
<u>Source of funds</u>			
State	0	250,000	250,000
Federal	0	500,000	500,000
Local	0	250,000	250,000
Total	0	1,000,000	1,000,000

The local share indicated represents the state of New York participation in the project.

(2) A new project is added for Amtrak Vermonter – New England Central Railroad track 1 improvements with the following spending authority:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Construction	0	26,231,846	26,231,846
Total	0	26,231,846	26,231,846
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0
ARRA	0	26,231,846	26,231,846
Local	0	0	0
Total	0	26,231,846	26,231,846

Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Spending authority for the department of motor vehicles is amended to read:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Personal Services	15,786,441	15,786,441	0
Operating Expenses	8,377,553	8,303,553	-74,000
Grants	136,476	136,476	0
Total	24,300,470	24,226,470	-74,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	23,096,730	23,022,730	-74,000
Federal	1,203,740	1,203,740	0
Total	24,300,470	24,226,470	-74,000

* * * Program Development * * *

Sec. 4. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT – ROADWAY

The following modifications are made to the program development — roadway program:

(1) Authorized spending on the Waterbury FEGC F 013-4(13) project is amended to read:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
PE	100,000	100,000	0
Construction	0	350,000	350,000
Total	100,000	450,000	350,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	3,000	3,000	0
TIB fund	0	10,500	10,500
Federal	95,000	427,500	332,500
Local	2,000	9,000	7,000
Total	100,000	450,000	350,000

(2) Authorized spending on the Cabot-Danville FEGC F 028-3(26)C/1 project is amended to read:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
PE	100,000	100,000	0
Construction	500,000	447,500	-52,500
Total	600,000	547,500	-52,500
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	5,000	5,000	0
TIB fund	25,000	14,500	-10,500
Federal	570,000	528,000	-42,000
Total	600,000	547,500	-52,500

(3) The following project has received a federal earmark and is added to program development – roadway program – roadway projects candidate list as follows:

Rutland STP 3000() - Rutland Center Street Marketplace Improvements - \$973,834.00; 100 percent federal funds.

Sec. 5. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT – INTERSTATE BRIDGE

The following modification is made to the program development – interstate bridge program:

Authorized spending on the Littleton, NH – Waterford, VT IM 093-1() project (rehabilitation of I-93 bridges over CT River connecting VT and NH) is added to read:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Construction	0	500,000	500,000
Total	0	500,000	500,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	0	0	0
TIB fund	0	50,000	50,000
Federal	0	450,000	450,000
Total	0	500,000	500,000

Sec. 6. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT – BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

The following project has received a federal earmark and is added to program development – bike and pedestrian facilities – bike and pedestrian facilities candidates list:

Thetford STP 0180() – Thetford Village Pedestrian Improvements – \$438,225.00; 100 percent federal funds.

Sec. 7. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT – FUNDING

Spending authority in program development is modified as follows:

(1) Among eligible projects selected in the secretary’s discretion, the secretary shall replace project spending authority in the total amount of \$1,949,321.00 in transportation funds with the same amount in TIB funds.

(2) Among eligible projects selected in the secretary’s discretion, the secretary shall replace project spending authority in the total amount of \$130,000.00 in transportation funds with the same amount in federal funds via the use of federal toll credits.

* * * Aviation * * *

Sec. 8. AVIATION

The following modifications are made to the aviation program:

(1) Spending authority for the South Burlington – Burlington International AIP Program project is amended to read:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
ROW	4,050,000	4,050,000	0
Construction	10,880,000	10,850,000	-30,000
Total	14,930,000	14,900,000	-30,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			

State	218,200	447,000	228,800
Federal	14,183,500	14,155,000	-28,500
Local	528,300	298,000	-230,300
Total	14,930,000	14,900,000	-30,000

(2) Spending authority for the Berlin CAP HQ project is amended to read as follows. The agency is authorized to proceed with the Berlin CAP HQ project if a federal earmark can be secured for the project.

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
PE	100,000	0	-100,000
Construction	900,000	0	-900,000
Total	1,000,000	0	-1,000,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	100,000	0	-100,000
Federal	900,000	0	-900,000
Total	1,000,000	0	-1,000,000

(3) Spending authority for Statewide – Facility Improvements is amended to read:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Construction	322,000	263,600	-58,400
Total	322,000	263,600	-58,400
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	322,000	263,600	-58,400
Total	322,000	263,600	-58,400

* * * Vermont Local Roads * * *

Sec. 9. TOWN HIGHWAY – VERMONT LOCAL ROADS

Spending authority for the town highway – Vermont local roads program is amended to read:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Grants	375,000	390,000	15,000
Total	375,000	390,000	15,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	235,000	235,000	0
Federal	140,000	155,000	15,000
Total	375,000	390,000	15,000

* * * Public Transit * * *

Sec. 10. PUBLIC TRANSIT

The following modifications are made to the public transit program:

(1) From the spending authority approved for the public transit program, the agency shall allocate \$30,000.00 in transportation funds to fund a grant to

the Vermont Kidney Association to support the transportation costs of dialysis patients.

(2) From the funds allocated to the public transit general capital program, \$100,000.00 in federal funds shall be held by the agency in reserve to cover shortfalls in the funding of the elders and persons with disabilities program (E&D) that occur as a result of unanticipated demand for non-Medicaid transportation services. Transit agencies that have grant agreements with the agency for the provision of E&D services shall be eligible to receive disbursements from the reserve. Disbursements from the reserve funds shall be limited to transit agencies that have administered appropriately constrained E&D programs.

* * * Personal Services Spending * * *

Sec. 11. AGENCY PERSONAL SERVICES SPENDING

Total spending authority for agency personal services is reduced by up to \$686,400.00 in transportation funds to reflect fiscal year 2011 personnel pension benefit savings. The agency shall apportion the reduction among its programs and activities accordingly.

* * * ARRA Maintenance of Effort – Appropriation Transfers * * *

Sec. 12. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT; TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

(a) The general assembly finds that the state should maximize the federal money available for transportation. It is the intent of this section to assist the state in complying with the maintenance of effort requirements in section 1201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Public Law 111-5, which requires the state to certify and maintain planned levels of expenditure of state funds for the types of projects funded by ARRA during the period February 17, 2009 through September 30, 2010. Failure to maintain the certified level of effort will prohibit the state from receiving additional federal funds through the August 2011 redistribution of federal aid highway and safety programs.

(b) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and the limits on program, project, or activity spending authority in the fiscal year 2010 and 2011 transportation programs, the secretary, with the approval of the secretary of administration and subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, may transfer transportation fund or federal fund appropriations, other than appropriations for the town highway state aid, structures, and class 2 roadway programs, to redirect funding to activities eligible for inclusion in, and for the specific purpose of complying with, the maintenance of effort requirements of section 1201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law

111-5. Any appropriations so transferred shall be expended on projects or activities within the fiscal year 2010 or 2011 transportation programs.

(c) If a contemplated transfer of an appropriation would, by itself, have the effect of significantly delaying the planned work schedule of a project which formed the basis of the project's funding in the fiscal year of the contemplated transfer, the secretary shall submit the proposed transfer for approval by the house and senate committees on transportation when the general assembly is in session, and when the general assembly is not in session, by the joint transportation oversight committee. In all other cases, the secretary may execute the transfer, giving prompt notice thereof to the joint fiscal office and to the house and senate committees on transportation when the general assembly is in session, and when the general assembly is not in session, to the joint transportation oversight committee.

(d) This section shall expire on September 30, 2010.

* * * FY 2011 Transportation Infrastructure Bonds * * *

Sec. 13. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS

(a) The state treasurer is authorized to issue transportation infrastructure bonds pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 972 for the purpose of funding the appropriations of Sec. 14 of this act and associated costs of the transportation infrastructure bonds as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 972(b) in the amount of \$13,500,000.00 in fiscal year 2011.

(b) In the event the state treasurer determines that:

(1) the creation and funding of a debt service reserve is advisable to support the successful issuance of transportation infrastructure bonds, or the cost of preparing, issuing, and marketing the bonds is likely to exceed \$202,500.00; and

(2) the balance of the TIB fund as of the end of fiscal year 2010 is insufficient to fund a debt service reserve and to pay associated issuance costs of the bonds, the treasurer is authorized to increase the issue of transportation infrastructure bonds authorized in subsection (a) of this section up to a total amount of \$16,500,000.00.

Sec. 14. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS; APPROPRIATION

The amount of up to \$13,500,000.00 from the issuance of transportation infrastructure bonds is appropriated in fiscal year 2011 to the agency of transportation program development appropriation (8100001100) for use on eligible projects as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 972(c) in the state's fiscal year 2011 transportation program.

* * * Transportation Infrastructure Bond Reserves * * *

Sec. 15. FISCAL YEAR END 2010 TRANSPORTATION FUND SURPLUS

Subject to the funding of the transportation fund stabilization reserve in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308a and notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c (transportation fund surplus reserve), any surplus in the transportation fund as of the end of fiscal year 2010 up to a maximum amount of \$3,000,000.00 shall be transferred to the TIB fund.

Sec. 16. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS TO PAY FISCAL YEAR 2011 BOND OBLIGATIONS

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and the limits on program, project, or activity spending authority in the fiscal year 2010 transportation program, the secretary of transportation, with the approval of the secretary of administration and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, may transfer transportation fund appropriations, other than appropriations for the town highway state aid, structures, and class 2 roadway programs, or TIB fund appropriations, to the TIB fund for the specific purpose of providing the funds the treasurer deems likely to be needed to satisfy any debt service reserve requirement of transportation infrastructure bonds authorized by this act, to pay the issuance costs of such bonds, or to pay the principal and interest due on such bonds in fiscal year 2011.

(b) The secretary's authority under subsection (a) of this section to transfer appropriations is limited to appropriations, the transfer of which, by itself, will not have the effect of significantly delaying the planned fiscal year 2010 work schedule of a project which formed the basis of the project's funding in fiscal year 2010.

(c) When any appropriation is transferred pursuant to this section, the secretary shall report the transfer to the joint fiscal office and to the house and senate committees on transportation when the general assembly is in session, and when the general assembly is not in session, to the joint transportation oversight committee.

Sec. 17. CHANGE TO CONSENSUS REVENUE FORECAST

In the event the July 2010 consensus revenue forecast of fiscal year 2011 transportation fund revenue is increased above the January 2010 forecast, the increase up to \$3,000,000.00 shall be transferred to the TIB fund to provide the funds the treasurer deems likely to be needed to satisfy any debt service reserve requirement of transportation infrastructure bonds authorized by this act, to pay the issuance costs of such bonds, or to pay the principal and interest due on such bonds in fiscal year 2011 or fiscal year 2012.

Sec. 18. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS TO PAY FISCAL YEAR 2012 BOND OBLIGATIONS

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706 and the limits on program, project, or activity spending authority in the fiscal year 2011 transportation program, the secretary of transportation, with the approval of the secretary of administration and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, may transfer transportation fund appropriations, other than appropriations for the town highway state aid, structures, and class 2 roadway programs, or TIB fund appropriations, to the TIB fund for the specific purpose of providing the funds the treasurer deems likely to be needed to satisfy any debt service reserve requirement of transportation infrastructure bonds authorized by this act or to pay the principal and interest due on such bonds in fiscal year 2012.

(b) The secretary's authority under subsection (a) of this section to transfer appropriations is limited to appropriations, the transfer of which, by itself, in the context of any spending authorized for the project in the fiscal year 2012 transportation program, will not have the effect of significantly delaying the planned work schedule of the project which formed the basis of the project's funding in fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

(c) The agency shall expedite the procedures required to determine the eligibility and certification of federal toll credits with respect to potentially qualifying capital expenditures made by Vermont entities through the end of fiscal year 2010 which, subject to compliance with federal maintenance of effort requirements, would be available for use by the state in fiscal year 2012. The fiscal year 2012 transportation program shall reserve up to \$3,000,000.00 of such potentially available federal toll credits and federal formula funds and authorize the secretary to utilize the federal toll credits and federal formula funds to accomplish the objectives of this section.

(d) When any appropriation is transferred pursuant to this section, the secretary shall report the transfer to the joint fiscal office and to the house and senate committees on transportation when the general assembly is in session, and when the general assembly is not in session, to the joint transportation oversight committee.

* * * FY 2011 Contingent Transportation Bonding Authority * * *

Sec. 19. FY 2011 CONTINGENT BONDING AUTHORITY; WESTERN CORRIDOR GRANT APPLICATION

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 980 (authority to issue transportation infrastructure bonds), the state treasurer is authorized to issue transportation infrastructure bonds for fiscal year 2011 of up to \$15,000,000.00 more than the amounts authorized in the preceding sections of this act, provided that the agency describes the proposed use of the funding and receives approval from

the general assembly, or if the general assembly is not in session, the joint transportation oversight committee, of such issue and the proposed use of the funds.

(b) The agency is authorized to apply for a Federal Railroad Administration High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) grant to cover, in whole or in part, the cost of upgrading the state’s western rail corridor for intercity passenger rail service. In applying for a grant, the agency is authorized to identify the bonds authorized by this section as a possible source of nonfederal match dollars which could be included in and would thereby strengthen the application.

(c) In the event transportation infrastructure bonds are issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for purposes other than the funding of the potential Federal Railroad Administration HSIPR grant referenced in subsection (b) of this section, the proposed spending of bond proceeds approved by the general assembly or by the joint transportation oversight committee is authorized, and the amount of the approved spending is appropriated to the programs as identified by the agency.

(d) In the event the state is awarded a Federal Railroad Administration HSIPR grant for infrastructure improvements to upgrade the state’s western rail corridor for intercity passenger rail service as referenced in subsection (b) of this section:

(1) a project for the improvements covered by the grant is added to the state’s transportation program;

(2) authority to spend the federal grant funds is added as follows and the specified amount of federal funds is appropriated to the rail program; and

(3) to the extent that other state funds are not available and transportation infrastructure bonds are issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to fund the project, authority to spend the bond proceeds on the project is added as follows and the specified amount of transportation infrastructure bond proceeds is appropriated to the rail program:

<u>FY11</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Other	0	7,500,000	7,500,000
Total	0	7,500,000	7,500,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
TIB bond	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
Federal	0	6,000,000	6,000,000
Total	0	7,500,000	7,500,000

* * * Central Garage * * *

Sec. 20. TRANSFER TO CENTRAL GARAGE FUND

Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c), in fiscal year 2011, the amount of \$1,120,000.00 is transferred from the transportation fund to the central garage fund created in 19 V.S.A. § 13.

Sec. 21. REPEAL

19 V.S.A § 13(g) (report on central garage activity, equipment rental, and fleet condition) is repealed.

* * * Notification of Emergency and Safety Projects; Reporting of
Expenditures and Carry Forwards * * *

Sec. 22. 19 V.S.A. § 10g is amended to read:

§ 10g. ANNUAL REPORT; TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM;
ADVANCEMENTS, CANCELLATIONS, AND DELAYS

(a) The agency of transportation shall annually present to the general assembly a multiyear transportation program covering the same number of years as the statewide transportation improvement plan (STIP), consisting of the recommended budget for all agency activities for the ensuing fiscal year and projected spending levels for all agency activities for the following fiscal years. The program shall include a description and year-by-year breakdown of recommended and projected funding of all projects proposed to be funded within the time period of the STIP and, in addition, a description of all projects which are not recommended for funding in the first fiscal year of the proposed program but which are ~~projected to be ready~~ scheduled for construction ~~at that time (shelf projects)~~ during the time period covered by the STIP. The program shall be consistent with the planning process established by No. 200 of the Acts of the 1987 Adj. Sess. (1988), as codified in ~~3 V.S.A.~~ chapter 67 of Title 3 and ~~24 V.S.A.~~ chapter 117 of Title 24, the statements of policy set forth in sections 10b-10f of this title, and the long-range systems plan, corridor studies, and project priorities developed through the capital planning process under section 10i of this title.

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(e)(1) The agency's annual transportation program shall include a separate report summarizing with respect to the most recently ended fiscal year:

(A) all expenditures of funds by source; and

(B) all unexpended appropriations of transportation funds and TIB funds that have been carried forward from the previous fiscal year to the ensuing fiscal year.

(2) The summary shall identify expenditures and carry forwards for each program category included in the proposed annual transportation program as adopted for the closed fiscal year in question and such other information as the agency deems appropriate.

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(g) The agency's annual transportation program shall include a separate report referencing this section describing all proposed projects in the program which would be new to the state transportation program if adopted.

(h) Should capital projects in the transportation program be delayed because of unanticipated problems with permitting, right-of-way acquisition, construction, local concern, or availability of federal or state funds, the secretary is authorized to advance projects in the approved transportation program, ~~giving priority to shelf projects~~. The secretary is further authorized to undertake projects to resolve emergency or safety issues. Upon authorizing a project to resolve an emergency or safety issue, the secretary shall give prompt notice of the decision and action taken to the joint fiscal office and to the house and senate committees on transportation when the general assembly is in session, and when the general assembly is not in session, to the joint transportation oversight committee. Should an approved project in the current transportation program require additional funding to maintain the approved schedule, the agency is authorized to allocate the necessary resources. However, the secretary shall not delay or suspend work on approved projects to reallocate funding for other projects except when other funding options are not available. In such case, the secretary shall notify the members of the joint transportation oversight committee and the joint fiscal office. With respect to projects in the approved transportation program, the secretary shall notify, in the district affected, the regional planning commission, the municipality, legislators, ~~and~~ members of the senate and house committees on transportation, and the joint fiscal office of any significant change in design, change in construction cost estimates requiring referral to the transportation board under ~~19 V.S.A. § section~~ 10h of this title, or any change which likely will affect the fiscal year in which the project is planned to go to construction. No project shall be cancelled without the approval of the general assembly.

* * * Joint Transportation Oversight Committee; Meetings * * *

Sec. 23. 19 V.S.A. § 12b is amended to read:

§ 12b. JOINT TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

(a) There is created a joint transportation oversight committee composed of the chairs of the house and senate committees on appropriations, the house and senate committees on transportation, the house committee on ways and means, and the senate committee on finance. The committee shall be chaired

alternately by the chairs of the house and senate committees on transportation, and the ~~two-year~~ two-year term shall run concurrently with the biennial session of the legislature. The chair of the senate committee on transportation shall chair the committee during the 2009–2010 legislative session.

(b) The committee shall meet during adjournment for official duties. Meetings shall be convened by the chair and when practicable shall be coordinated with the regular meetings of the joint fiscal committee. Members shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406. The committee shall have the assistance of the staff of the legislative council and the joint fiscal office.

(c) The committee shall provide legislative overview of the transportation fund revenues collection and the operation and administration of the agency of transportation construction, paving and rehabilitation programs. The secretary of transportation shall report to the oversight committee upon request.

(d)(1) In coordination with the regular meetings of the joint fiscal committee, ~~the joint transportation oversight committee shall meet~~ in mid-July, mid-September, and mid-November. ~~At these meetings,~~ the secretary shall prepare a report on the status of the state's transportation finances and transportation programs, including. If a meeting of the committee is not convened on the scheduled dates of the joint fiscal committee meetings, the secretary in advance shall transmit the report electronically to the joint fiscal office for distribution to committee members. The report shall include a report on contract bid awards versus project estimates and a detailed report on all known or projected cost overruns, project savings and funding availability from delayed projects; and the agency's actions taken or planned to cover the cost overruns and to reallocate the project savings and delayed project funds with respect to:

(A) all paving projects other than statewide maintenance programs; and

(B) all projects in the roadway, state bridge, interstate bridge, or town bridge programs with authorized spending in the fiscal year of \$500,000.00 or more with a cost overrun equal to 20 percent or more of the authorized spending or generating project savings or delayed project available funding equal to 20 percent or more of the authorized spending.

(2) In addition, ~~at~~ with respect to the July meeting of the joint ~~transportation oversight~~ fiscal committee, the ~~secretary's~~ secretary's report ~~to the committee on~~ shall discuss the agency's plans to adjust spending to any changes in the consensus forecast for transportation fund revenues.

* * * Vermont Bridge Maintenance Program * * *

Sec. 24. REPEAL

The following are repealed:

(1) 19 V.S.A. § 40 (Vermont bridge maintenance program).

(2) Sec. 56 of No. 80 of the Acts of 2005 (allocation of vehicle inspection change revenue).

Sec. 25. 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

§ 1230. CHARGE

For each inspection certificate issued by the department of motor vehicles, the commissioner shall be paid \$4.00 provided that state and municipal inspection stations that inspect only state or municipally owned and registered vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee. All vehicle inspection certificate charge revenue shall be allocated to the transportation fund with one-half reserved for bridge maintenance activities.

Sec. 26. CARRY-FORWARD AUTHORITY – BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval of the secretary of administration, transportation fund appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2010, in the transportation – bridge maintenance appropriation (8100005400) shall be carried forward, shall be designated for expenditure in the transportation – program development appropriation (8100001100), and shall be used for the purpose of bridge maintenance.

* * * Transportation Projects; Construction Claims * * *

Sec. 27. 19 V.S.A. § 5(d) is amended to read:

(d) The board shall:

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(4) provide appellate review, when requested in writing, regarding legal disputes in the execution of contracts awarded by the agency or by municipalities cooperating with the agency to advance projects in the state's transportation program;

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* * * Transportation Contracts; Procurement Standards * * *

Sec. 28. 19 V.S.A. § 10 is amended to read:

§ 10. DUTIES

The agency shall, except where otherwise specifically provided by law:

(1) Award contracts on terms as it deems to be in the best interest of the state, for the construction, repair, or maintenance of transportation related facilities; for the use of any machinery or equipment either with or without operators or drivers; for the operation, repair, maintenance, or storage of any state-owned machinery or equipment; for professional engineering services, inspection of work or materials, diving services, mapping services, photographic services, including aerial photography or surveys, and any other services, with or without equipment, in connection with the planning, construction, and maintenance of transportation facilities. Persons rendering these services shall not be within the classified service, and the services shall not entitle the provider to rights under any state retirement system. Notwithstanding ~~3 V.S.A. chapter 13~~ of Title 3, the agency may contract for services also provided by persons in the classified service, either at present or at some time in the past. ~~Any contract of more than \$50,000.00 shall be advertised and awarded to the lowest qualified bidder unless determined otherwise by the board.~~ The solicitation and award of contracts by the agency shall follow procurement standards approved by the secretary of administration as well as applicable federal laws and regulations.

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* * * Cancellation of Locally Managed Projects * * *

Sec. 29. 19 V.S.A. § 5(d) is amended to read:

(d) The board shall:

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(12) maintain the accounting functions for the duties imposed by ~~9 V.S.A. chapter 108~~ of Title 9 separately from the accounting functions relating to its other duties;

(13) hear and determine disputes involving a determination of the agency under section 309c of this title that the municipality is responsible for repayment of federal funds required by the Federal Highway Administration.

Sec. 30. 19 V.S.A. § 309c is added to read:

§ 309c. CANCELLATION OF LOCALLY MANAGED PROJECTS

(a) Notwithstanding section 309a of this title, a municipality or other local sponsor responsible for a locally managed project through a grant agreement with the agency shall be responsible for the repayment, in whole or in part, of federal funds required by the Federal Highway Administration or other federal agency because of cancellation of the project by the municipality or other local sponsor due to circumstances or events wholly or partly within the municipality's or other local sponsor's control. Prior to any such determination that cancellation of a project was due to circumstances or events

wholly or partly within a municipality's or other local sponsor's control, the agency shall consult with the municipality or other local sponsor to attempt to reach an agreement to determine the scope of the municipality's or other local sponsor's repayment obligation.

(b) Within 15 days of an agency determination under subsection (a) of this section, a municipality may petition the board for a hearing to determine if cancellation of the project was due to circumstances or events in whole or in part outside the municipality's control. The board shall hold a hearing on the petition within 30 days of its receipt and shall issue an appropriate order within 30 days thereafter. If the board determines that cancellation of the project was due in whole or in part to circumstances or events outside the municipality's control, it shall order that the municipality's repayment obligation be reduced proportionally, in whole or in part. The municipality shall have no obligation to make a repayment under this section until the board issues its order.

* * * Filing of Transportation Deeds and Leases * * *

Sec. 31. 3 V.S.A. § 103 is amended to read:

§ 103. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED

(a) All deeds, contracts of sale, leases, and other documents or copies of same conveying land or an interest therein to the state, ~~except for highway rights-of-way~~ transportation rights-of-way, leases, and conveyances, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

(b) All deeds, contracts of sale, leases, and other documents conveying land or an interest in land from the state as grantor, except for transportation rights-of-way, leases, and conveyances, shall be made out in duplicate by the authorized agent of the state. The original shall be delivered to the grantee and the duplicate copy, so marked, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

(c) The secretary of state shall also record the state treasurer's bonds and other documents required to be recorded in ~~his~~ the secretary of state's office and give copies of the same upon tender of ~~his~~ the secretary of state's legal fees.

* * * Transportation Board; Town Reports * * *

Sec. 32. 24 V.S.A. § 1173 is amended to read:

§ 1173. TOWN OR VILLAGE REPORTS

The clerk of a municipality shall supply annually each library in such municipality with two copies of the municipal report, upon its publication. The clerk shall also mail to the state library two copies thereof, and one copy each to the secretary of state, commissioner of taxes, ~~transportation board~~, state

board of health, commissioner for children and families, director of the office of Vermont health access, auditor of accounts, and board of education. Officers making these reports shall supply the clerk of the municipality with the printed copies necessary for him or her to comply with the provisions of this section and section 1174 of this title.

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* * * Signs and Other Traffic Control Devices * * *

Sec. 33. 23 V.S.A. § 1025 is amended to read:

§ 1025. STANDARDS

(a) The United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for streets and highways as amended shall be the standards for all traffic control signs, signals, and markings within the state. The latest revision of the MUTCD shall be adopted upon its effective date except in the case of projects beyond a preliminary state of design that are anticipated to be constructed within two years of the otherwise applicable effective date; such projects may be constructed according to the MUTCD standards applicable at the design stage. Existing signs, signals, and markings shall be valid until such time as they are replaced or reconstructed. When new traffic control devices are erected or placed or existing traffic control devices are replaced or repaired the equipment, design, method of installation, placement or repair shall conform with ~~such standards~~ the MUTCD.

(b) ~~These~~ The standards of the MUTCD shall apply for both state and local authorities as to traffic control devices under their respective jurisdiction.

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* * * School Zone Warning Signs * * *

Sec. 34. 19 V.S.A. § 921 is amended to read:

§ 921. SCHOOL ZONES

(a) Municipalities shall erect or cause to be erected on all public highways near a school warning signs ~~bearing the legend "school zone."~~ The signs shall conform conforming to the standards of the manual on uniform traffic control devices as provided in 23 V.S.A. § 1025.

(b) For the purposes of this section and 23 V.S.A. § 1025, the term "school" shall include school district-operated prekindergarten program facilities owned or leased by a school district.

* * * State Airports * * *

Sec. 35. WILLIAM H. MORSE STATE AIRPORT (BENNINGTON);
AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF HANGAR

(a) The secretary of transportation, as agent for the state of Vermont, is authorized to accept donation of an existing hangar building at the William H. Morse State Airport in the town of Bennington from Business Air, Inc., d/b/a Air Now. Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 26a, the secretary is further authorized to enter into an amendment of Air Now's existing lease to allow Air Now to use the hangar building rent free, subject to Air Now's continuing to do business at the airport and maintaining the building at no expense to the state. In the event that Air Now ceases to do business at the airport or requests to assign its leasehold to some other person, the requirement to pay fair market value rent pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 26a shall resume.

(b) Upon accepting conveyance of the hangar building under subsection (a) of this section, the secretary of transportation shall notify the secretary of administration so the hangar building can be added to the inventory of state-owned buildings maintained for purposes of 32 V.S.A. §§ 3701–3707.

* * * State-owned Railroad Property * * *

Sec. 36. 5 V.S.A. § 3406(b) is amended to read:

~~(b) The secretary shall have authority, with the approval of the governor, to sell to any person or legal entity part or all of any parcel of state-owned railroad property or rights therein, provided that the terms of the sale are approved by the legislature or, in the event that the general assembly is not in session, by the joint fiscal committee~~ subject to the following conditions:

(1) the property is located more than 33 feet from the centerline of main line track (or former main line track), and the secretary determines that the property no longer is needed for railroad operating purposes or for railbanking under section 3408 of this title; and

(2)(A) if the appraised value of the property is \$100,000.00 or above, with the prior approval of the general assembly of the sale and its terms, or, in the event that the general assembly is not in session, with the prior approval of the joint transportation oversight committee; or

(B) if the appraised value of the property is below \$100,000.00, without further approval.

Sec. 37. 5 V.S.A. § 3408 is amended to read:

§ 3408. RAILBANKING; NOTIFICATION

(a) If the secretary finds that the continued operation of any state-owned railroad property is not economically feasible under present conditions, he or

she may place the line in railbanked status after giving advance notice of such planned railbanking to the house and senate committees on transportation when the general assembly is in session, and when the general assembly is not in session, to the joint transportation oversight committee. The agency, on behalf of the state, shall continue to hold the right-of-way of a railbanked line for reactivation of railroad service or for other public purposes not inconsistent with future reactivation of railroad service. Such railbanking shall not be treated, for purposes of any law or rule of law, as an abandonment of the use of the rights-of-way for railroad purposes.

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Sec. 38. APPROVAL OF TRANSACTIONS REGARDING STATE-OWNED RAILROAD PROPERTY

(a) The secretary of transportation, as agent for the state of Vermont, is authorized to sell to New England Central Railroad, Inc., for fair market value, a segment of the so-called Fonda Branch of the former Central Vermont Railway, Inc. in the town of Swanton, beginning at approximate mile post 137.86 and extending northerly a distance of approximately 1.26 miles to approximate mile post 139.12, which is the northerly abutment of the railroad bridge over the Missisquoi River.

(b) The secretary, as agent for the state of Vermont, is authorized to sell to Shelburne Limestone Corporation, for fair market value, a segment of the so-called Fonda Branch of the former Central Vermont Railway, Inc. in the town of Swanton, beginning at approximate mile post 139.12, which is the northerly abutment of the railroad bridge over the Missisquoi River, and extending northerly a distance of approximately 0.58 miles to approximate mile post 139.70, which is the southwesterly line of U.S. Route 7.

(c) In aid of the descriptions contained in this section, reference may be had to valuation plans V8/138-140 for the former Central Vermont Railway Company (dated June 30, 1917); the October 17, 1973 quit-claim deed of Central Vermont Railway, Inc. to the St. Johnsbury & Lamoille County Railroad, which is recorded at book 81, page 278 of the Swanton land records; and the December 7, 1973 quit-claim deed of the St. Johnsbury & Lamoille County Railroad to the Vermont Transportation Authority, which is recorded at book 81, page 368 of the Swanton land records.

* * * Authorized Enforcement and Emergency Vehicles * * *

Sec. 39. 23 V.S.A. § 1011 is amended to read:

§ 1011. APPLICABILITY OF THIS CHAPTER; AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

(a) The provisions of this chapter relating to the operation of motor

vehicles apply to operation upon public highways only, except where a different place is specifically referred to.

~~(b) On-duty~~ On-duty enforcement officers ~~are exempt from the speed limits established in accordance with sections 1003 and 1007 of this title, and fixed by section 1081 of this title.:~~

(1) may park or stand contrary to the provisions of this chapter;

(2) may proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;

(3) shall come to a full stop when approaching a school bus flashing red lights and may proceed only when the flashing red lights are extinguished;

(4) may exceed the maximum speed limits;

(5) may disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not relieve an on-duty officer from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the officer from the consequences of his or her reckless disregard for the safety of others.

(d) The operator of a school bus, upon the approach of an on-duty officer in a vehicle displaying a blue or blue and white signal lamp or sounding a siren, shall take action immediately to ensure the safety of the schoolchildren, and shall thereafter extinguish any flashing red lights.

Sec. 40. 23 V.S.A. § 1015 is amended to read:

§ 1015. AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES

~~(a) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when responding to, but not returning from, a fire alarm and a law enforcement officer operating an authorized emergency vehicle in fresh pursuit of a suspected violator of the law:~~

~~(1) may park or stand contrary to the provisions of this chapter;~~

~~(2) may proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;~~

~~(3) shall come to a full stop when approaching a school bus which is flashing red lights and may proceed only when the flashing red lights are extinguished;~~

~~(4) may exceed the maximum speed limits;~~

~~(5) may disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.~~

(b) The exemptions granted to an authorized emergency vehicle apply only when the vehicle is ~~making use of audible or visual signals~~ displaying a signal lamp or sounding a siren meeting the requirements of this title.

(c) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his or her reckless disregard for the safety of others.

(d) The operator of a school bus, upon the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle ~~as described in subsection (a) of this section~~ displaying a signal lamp or sounding a siren, shall take action immediately to ~~get school children out of the public highway and to a safe place~~ ensure the safety of the schoolchildren and shall thereafter extinguish ~~the~~ any flashing red lights.

* * * Out-of-State First Responder Vehicles * * *

Sec. 41. 23 V.S.A. § 1251 is amended to read:

§ 1251. SIRENS AND COLORED SIGNAL LAMPS

(a) No motor vehicle shall be operated upon a highway of this state equipped with a siren or signal lamp colored other than amber unless a permit authorizing such equipment, issued by the commissioner of motor vehicles, is carried in the vehicle. The commissioner may adopt additional rules as may be required to govern the acquisition of permits and the use pertaining to sirens and colored signal lamps.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, when responding to emergencies, out-of-state ambulances, fire vehicles, or vehicles owned or leased by, or provided to, volunteer firefighters or rescue squad members may use sirens and red or red and white signal lamps in Vermont, and a permit shall not be required for such use, as long as the vehicle is properly permitted in its home state or province.

* * * Establishing Speed Limits * * *

Sec. 42. 23 V.S.A. § 1003(a) is amended to read:

(a) When the traffic committee constituted under 19 V.S.A. § 1(24) determines, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that shall take into account, if applicable, safe speeds within school zones (or safe speeds within 200 feet of school district-operated prekindergarten program facilities owned or leased by a school district) when children are traveling to or from such schools or facilities, that a maximum speed limit established by this chapter is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under conditions found to exist at any place or upon any part of a state highway, ~~except~~ including the Dwight D. Eisenhower national system of interstate and defense highways, it may determine and declare a reasonable and safe limit which is effective when

appropriate signs stating the limit are erected. This limit may be declared to be effective at all times or at times indicated upon the signs; and differing limits may be established for different times of day, different types of vehicles, varying weather conditions, or based on other factors, bearing on safe speeds which are effective when posted upon appropriate fixed or alterable signs.

Sec. 43. 23 V.S.A. § 1004(a) is amended to read:

(a) The traffic committee has exclusive authority to make and publish, and from time to time may alter, amend, or repeal, rules pertaining to vehicular, pedestrian, and animal traffic, ~~speed limits~~, and the public safety on the Dwight D. Eisenhower national system of interstate and defense highways and other limited access and controlled access highways within this state. The rules and any amendments or revisions may be made by the committee only in accordance with chapter 25 of Title 3. The rules shall be consistent with accepted motor vehicle codes or standards, shall be consistent with law, and shall not be unreasonable or discriminatory in respect to persons engaged in like, similar, or competitive activities. The rules are applicable only to the extent that they are not in conflict with regulations or orders issued by any agency of the United States having jurisdiction and shall be drawn with due consideration for the desirability of uniformity of law of the several states of the United States.

* * * Special Occasions * * *

Sec. 44. 23 V.S.A. § 1010 is amended to read:

§ 1010. SPECIAL OCCASIONS; TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

(a) When it appears that traffic will be congested by reason of a public occasion or when a town highway is being reconstructed or maintained or where utilities are being installed, relocated, or maintained, the legislative body of a municipality may make special regulations as to the speed of motor vehicles, may exclude motor vehicles from ~~certain public~~ town highways and may make such traffic rules and regulations as the public good requires. However, signs indicating the special regulations must be conspicuously posted in and near all affected areas, giving as much notice as possible to the public so that alternative routes of travel could be considered.

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* * * Replacement of Gasoline Dispensers * * *

Sec. 45. 10 V.S.A. § 583 is amended to read:

§ 583. REPEAL OF STAGE II VAPOR RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS

(a) Effective January 1, 2013, all rules of the secretary pertaining to stage II vapor recovery controls at gasoline dispensing facilities are repealed. The

secretary may not issue further rules requiring such controls. For purposes of this section, “stage II vapor recovery” means a system for gasoline vapor recovery of emissions from the fueling of motor vehicles as described in 42 U.S.C. § 7511a(b)(3).

(b) Prior to January 1, 2013, stage II vapor recovery rules shall not apply to:

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(4) Any existing gasoline dispensing facility that, after May 1, 2009, replaces all of its existing gasoline dispensers with ~~new~~ gasoline dispensers that support triple data encryption standard (TDES) usage or replaces one or more of its gasoline dispensers pursuant to a plan to achieve full TDES compliance, upon verification and approval by the secretary.

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* * * Relinquishment of State Highway Segments to Municipalities * * *

Sec. 46. RELINQUISHMENT OF FORMER VERMONT ROUTE 109 TO TOWN OF BELVIDERE

(a) Under the authority of 19 V.S.A. § 15(2), approval is granted for the secretary to enter into an agreement with the town of Belvidere to relinquish to the town’s jurisdiction a segment of former VT Route 109 beginning at a point in the northerly right-of-way boundary of the present VT Route 109, said point also being the northerly right-of-way boundary of the former VT Route 109, being 35 feet distant northerly radially from station 73+00 of the established centerline of Highway Project Belvidere S 0282(1); thence 155 feet, more or less, southeasterly, crossing the former VT Route 109, to a point in the northerly right-of-way boundary of the present VT Route 109, said point also being in the southerly right-of-way boundary of the former VT Route 109, being 45 feet distant northerly radially from station 74+55 of the centerline; thence northeasterly, easterly, and southeasterly along the southerly right-of-way boundary of the former VT Route 109 to a point in the northerly right-of-way boundary of the present VT Route 109, being 70 feet distant northerly at right angle from station 82+15 of the centerline; thence 79 feet, more or less, northeasterly crossing the former VT Route 109 to a point in the northerly right-of-way boundary of present VT Route 109, being 92 feet distant northerly at right angle from station 82+90 of the centerline; thence northwesterly, westerly, and southwesterly along the northerly right-of-way boundary of the former VT Route 109 to the point and place of beginning.

(b) The relinquishment shall include a three-rod (49.5 feet) right-of-way and slope rights within the area and is subject to the rights of utility companies under chapter 71 of Title 30 and other statutes of similar effect.

Sec. 47. RELINQUISHMENT OF STATE HIGHWAY SEGMENTS TO THE TOWN OF NORWICH

(a) Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 15(2), approval is granted for the secretary of transportation to enter into an agreement with the town of Norwich to relinquish to the town's jurisdiction a segment of the state highway known as VT Route 10A in the town of Norwich, beginning at the low-water mark of the Connecticut River at a point in the center of VT Route 10A and continuing 2,756 feet (approximately 0.52 miles) westerly to mile marker 1.218 where VT Route 10A intersects with U.S. Route 5 (this point also is station 78+00 on the U.S. Route 5 centerline of Highway Project Hartford-Norwich I 91-2(5)).

(b) Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 15(2), approval is granted for the secretary of transportation to enter into an agreement with the town of Norwich to relinquish to the town's jurisdiction a segment of the state highway known as U.S. Route 5 (Church Street) in the town of Norwich, beginning at its intersection with VT Route 10A approximately at mile marker 1.218. This point is also station 78+00 on the U.S. Route 5 centerline of Highway Project Hartford Norwich I 91-2(5). The relinquishment shall continue 6,496 feet (approximately 1.230 miles) northerly and easterly along the center of U.S. Route 5 to its intersection with the Norwich State Highway approximately at U.S. Route 5 mile marker 2.448.

(c) Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 15(2), approval is granted for the secretary of transportation to enter into an agreement with the town of Norwich to relinquish to the town's jurisdiction a segment of the state highway known as Norwich State Highway, beginning at the intersection of the Norwich State Highway with VT Route 10A. The relinquishment shall continue 6,071 feet (approximately 1.15 miles) northerly along the center of the Norwich State Highway to its intersection with U.S. Route 5 approximately at Norwich State Highway mile marker 1.150.

(d) Control of the highways but not ownership of the lands or easements within the highway right-of-way shall be relinquished to the town of Norwich. The town of Norwich shall not sell or abandon any portion of the relinquishment areas or allow any encroachments within the relinquishment areas without written permission of the agency of transportation.

* * * Town of Bennington; Adjustments to State Highway System * * *

Sec. 48. TOWN OF BENNINGTON; ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

(a) Under the authority of 19 V.S.A. § 15(2), the general assembly authorizes the secretary to enter into an agreement with the town of Bennington to relinquish to the town's jurisdiction approximately 1.07 miles of U.S. Route 7 (South Street) between mile marker 1.088 (near Carpenter Hill

Road [TH #48]) and mile marker 2.156 (near the entrance to the Park Lawn Cemetery) to become a class 1 town highway.

(b) Under the authority of 19 V.S.A. § 15(2), the general assembly authorizes the secretary to enter into an agreement with the town of Bennington to accept as part of the state highway system approximately 1,300 feet of VT Route 9 (Main Street [TH #2]) between mile marker 5.655, near the location of a crosswalk to be constructed under the transportation project Bennington NH 019-1(51), and mile marker 5.901, which is the existing jurisdictional boundary between the state highway and the class 1 town highway. The agreement shall provide for the town of Bennington to be responsible for maintenance of sidewalks within the subject area.

* * * Short-Range Public Transit Plan * * *

Sec. 49. REPEAL

The following are repealed:

(1) 24 V.S.A. § 5088(7) (definition of “short-range public transit plan”).

(2) 24 V.S.A. § 5091(f) (requirement that grantees shall be eligible for funding only if a short-range public transit plan has been completed).

* * * Modal Councils * * *

Sec. 50. VERMONT RAIL, AVIATION, AND PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COUNCILS

The agency of transportation shall examine the current functions of the Vermont Rail Advisory Council, the Vermont Aviation Advisory Council, and the Vermont Public Transit Advisory Council. The agency shall consider the structure, composition, and format of each council and shall report back to the senate and house committees on transportation with any recommendations for modifications to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of each council by January 15, 2011.

* * * Scenery Preservation Council * * *

Sec. 51. 10 V.S.A. § 425 is amended to read:

§ 425. SCENERY PRESERVATION COUNCIL

(a) The scenery preservation council shall:

(1) upon request, advise and consult with organizations, municipal planning commissions or legislative bodies, or regional planning commissions concerning byway program grants and in the designation of municipal scenic roads or byways;

(2) recommend for designation state scenic roads or byways after holding a public meeting to determine local support for designation; and

(3) encourage and assist in fostering public awareness, understanding, and participation in the objectives and functions of scenery preservation and in stimulating public participation and interest.

~~(b) There is created within the state planning office a scenery preservation council to advise and assist the state planning director in the performance of his duties with respect to this chapter. The scenery preservation council shall consist of ~~ten~~ seven members including: the secretary of the agency of natural resources, or his or her designee; the secretary of the agency of transportation and the director of the state planning office or their designees. The governor shall appoint his or her designee; and five members appointed by the governor. The speaker of the house shall appoint one member of the house as member and the committee on committees of the senate shall appoint one senator as member. The terms of the members appointed by the governor shall be for three years, except that he or she shall appoint the first members so that the terms of the members end in one year, two years, and three years. The terms of the members appointed by the speaker of the house and the committee on committees of the senate shall end on January 15 in every odd-numbered year and their successors shall be appointed at that time. The governor shall designate an appointed member to serve as chairman at the governor's pleasure. Except as provided in this section, no state employee or member of any state commission ~~nor~~ or any federal employee or member of any federal commission shall be eligible for membership on the scenery preservation council. Members of the council who are not full-time state employees, including members of the general assembly when the general assembly is not in session, shall be entitled to a per diem of \$30.00 as provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b) and their actual necessary expenses. Only the secretary of transportation or his or her designee may call meetings of the council, and meetings shall be called only as necessary for the council to perform the functions set forth in subsection (a) of this section.~~

~~(b) The scenery preservation council shall:~~

~~(1) upon request, advise and consult with municipal planning commissions or legislative bodies and regional planning commissions in the designation of municipal scenic roads;~~

~~(2) recommend for designation state scenic roads, after consultation with regional planning commissions, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 25 of Title 19;~~

~~(3) encourage and assist in fostering public awareness, understanding and participation in the objectives and functions of scenery preservation and in stimulating public participation and interest;~~

~~(4) report biennially to the governor and the general assembly upon the effectiveness of this chapter and make continuing recommendations regarding scenic corridors, scenic areas and scenic sites. The reports shall indicate the status of all state and town designated scenic roads;~~

~~(5) prepare and recommend to the transportation board prior to January 1, 1978 aesthetic criteria to carry out the purposes of this chapter.~~

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* * * Highway Condemnation Orders * * *

Sec. 52. 19 V.S.A. § 512 is amended to read:

§ 512. ORDER FIXING COMPENSATION; INVERSE CONDEMNATION; RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

(a) Within 45 30 days after the compensation hearing, the ~~transportation~~ board shall by its order fix the compensation to be paid to each person from whom land or rights are taken, ~~and~~. Within 30 days of the board's order, the agency of transportation shall file and record the order in the office of the clerk of the town where the land is situated, and shall deliver to each person or persons a copy of that portion of the order directly affecting the person or persons, and shall pay or tender the award to each person entitled which. A person to whom a compensation award is paid or tendered under this subsection may be accepted, retained and disposed accept, retain, and dispose of the award to his or her own use without prejudice to the person's right of appeal, as provided in section 513 of this title. Upon the payment or tender of the award as above provided, the agency of transportation may proceed with the work for which the land is taken.

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* * * Traveler Information Services * * *

Sec. 53. INTERSTATE 91 TRAVELER INFORMATION SERVICES FACILITY

(a) Pursuant to Sec. 109(b) of No. 50 of the Acts of 2009, the commissioner of buildings and general services (BGS) is authorized to negotiate and contract with businesses interested in providing travel information services near Exit 7 of Interstate 91 for the purpose of establishing a privately operated travel information center near this exit.

(b) The agency of transportation shall work with BGS and the Federal Highway Administration to implement a signage strategy to clearly direct

travelers to businesses providing travel information services at any travel information center established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 54. INFORMATION CENTERS; CROSS-BORDER OPPORTUNITIES

The commissioner of buildings and general services may evaluate opportunities to reach agreement with neighboring states and provinces concerning advertising at information centers or the joint operation of information centers. The commissioner shall report findings and recommendations related to any evaluation conducted pursuant to this section to the senate and house committees on transportation by January 15, 2011.

* * * Lake Champlain Bridge Facilities * * *

Sec. 55. LAKE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE FACILITIES

(a) The secretary of transportation and the commissioner of fish and wildlife shall work together to develop plans regarding the repair and expansion of existing fishing access facilities at the Lake Champlain bridge at Crown Point.

(b) The secretary of transportation and the commissioner of buildings and general services shall work together in seeking federal funds for renovations to Chimney Point State Historic Site facilities and the repair and expansion of existing fishing access facilities in connection with construction of the Lake Champlain bridge at Crown Point.

* * * Official Business Directional Sign Fees * * *

Sec. 56. 10 V.S.A. § 501 is amended to read:

§ 501. FEES

Subject to the provisions of subsection 486(c) of this title, an applicant for an official business directional sign or an information plaza plaque shall pay to the travel information council an initial license fee and an annual renewal fee as established by this section.

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(2) Annual renewal fees shall be as follows:

(A) for full and half-sized official business directional signs, ~~\$125.00~~ \$100.00 per sign;

(B) information plaza plaques, \$25.00 per plaque.

* * * Rest Area Advisory Committee * * *

Sec. 57. REPEAL

19 V.S.A. § 12c (rest area advisory committee) is repealed.

* * * Low-Bed Trailer Permits * * *

Sec. 58. 23 V.S.A. § 1402(e) is amended to read:

(e) ~~Pilot project allowing annual permits for low bed trailers.~~

(1) The commissioner may issue an annual permit to allow the transportation of a so-called “low-bed” trailer. A “low-bed” trailer is defined as a trailer manufactured for the primary purpose of carrying heavy equipment on a flat-surfaced deck, which deck is at a height equal to or lower than the top of the rear axle group.

(2) A blanket permit may be obtained for an annual fee of \$275.00 per unit, provided the total vehicle length does not exceed 75 feet, does not exceed a loaded width of 12’6”, does not exceed a total weight of 108,000 lbs., and has a height not exceeding 14 feet.

(3) Warning signs and flags shall be required if the vehicle exceeds 75 feet in length, or exceeds 8’6” in width.

~~(4) This subsection shall expire on June 30, 2010. No later than January 15, 2010, the department of motor vehicles, after consultation with the agency of transportation, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and Vermont Truck and Bus Association, shall report to the house and senate committees on transportation on the results of this two year pilot project. The report shall include recommendations on extending this provision on low bed trailers, as well as other recommendations relating to longer vehicle lengths. [Repealed.]~~

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 59. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and the following sections of this act shall take effect on passage:

(1) Sec. 12 (ARRA maintenance of effort – appropriation transfers).

(2) Sec. 13 (FY11 transportation infrastructure bonds).

(3) Sec. 15 (end FY10 transportation fund surplus).

(4) Sec. 16 (authority to transfer FY10 appropriations).

(5) Sec. 42 (speed limits).

(6) Sec. 43 (traffic committee rulemaking).

(7) Sec. 45 (replacement of gasoline dispensers). Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 45 shall apply retroactively to gasoline dispensers installed at an existing gasoline dispensing facility after May 1, 2009.

(8) Sec. 58 (low-bed trailer permits).

(b) All other sections of this act not specifically enumerated in subsection (a) of this section shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Kitchel for the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as recommended by the Committee on Transportation and that the bill be further amended in Sec. 10 by striking out subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (1) to read:

(1) Spending authority for the public transit program is increased by \$30,000.00 in transportation funds. The agency shall allocate \$30,000.00 in transportation funds for a grant to the Vermont Kidney Association to support the transportation costs of dialysis patients.

(Committee vote: 4-0-3)

(For House amendments, see House Journal for March 25, 2010, page 690; March 26, 2010, page 709.)

**AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO H. 784 TO BE OFFERED
BY SENATOR ILLUZZI**

Senator Illuzzi moves to amend the proposal of amendment of the Committee on Transportation as follows:

First: In Sec. 23, 19 V.S.A., § 12b subsection (b) in the last sentence by striking out the following “legislative council and the joint fiscal office” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: agency of transportation

Second: In Sec. 39, 23 V.S.A. § 1011(b)(4) after the following: “limits;” by inserting the following: and

Third: In Sec. 39, 23 V.S.A. § 1011 subsection (c) after the following: “his or her” by inserting the following: negligence or

Fourth: In Sec. 40, 23 V.S.A. § 1015 subsection (c) after the following: “his or her” by inserting the following: negligence or

Fifth: In Sec. 41, 23 V.S.A. § 1251 in the title of the section, after the word “LAMPS” by inserting the following: ; OUT OF STATE EMERGENCY AND RESCUE VEHICLES

Sixth: In Sec. 41, 23 V.S.A. § 1251 subsection (b) by striking out the following: “out-of-state” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: law enforcement vehicles, after the words “squad members” by inserting the following: which are registered or licensed by another state or province, and

after the words “may use sirens and” by striking out the following: red or red and white

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 282

An act relating to updating and clarifying provisions regarding commercial driver licenses and commercial motor vehicles.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 4103(4)(B)(iii) is amended to read:

(iii) ~~military~~ equipment owned or operated by the United States Department of Defense, including the National Guard, and operated by noncivilian personnel or by National Guard military technicians (civilians who are required to wear military uniforms) and active duty U.S. Coast Guard personnel;

Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 4110(a)(6)(C) is amended to read:

(C) the applicant is not subject to any disqualification under 49 C.F.R. ~~part 385.51~~ section 383.51, or any license suspension, revocation, or cancellation under state law; and

Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 4111(a) and (f) are amended to read:

(a) Contents of license. A commercial driver’s license shall be marked “commercial driver license” or “CDL,” and shall be, to the maximum extent practicable, tamper proof, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

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(2) The person’s color photograph or imaged likeness. A person issued a license under this subsection ~~that contains an imaged likeness may renew his or her license by mail. Except that a renewal must be made in person so that an updated imaged likeness of the person is obtained no less often than once every eight years~~ may renew the license not earlier than six months prior to its expiration date. In such case, the prior license document shall be surrendered. The renewed license shall be effective from the date of issuance to the end of the period for which it is renewed.

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(f) When applying for renewal of a commercial driver license, the applicant shall complete the application form required by section 4110 of this title, providing updated information and required certifications. If the applicant wishes to retain a hazardous materials endorsement, the written test for a

hazardous materials endorsement must be taken and passed. In addition, the applicant must successfully complete the security threat assessment required by 49 C.F.R. part 1572. Within 15 days of an adverse initial or final determination of threat assessment being served by the United States Transportation Security Administration, the applicant's hazardous materials endorsement shall be revoked or denied.

Sec. 4. 23 V.S.A. § 4112 is amended to read:

§ 4112. RECORDS; NOTIFICATION

(a) After suspending, revoking, or disqualifying a person from holding a commercial driver license, the commissioner shall update his or her records to reflect that action within 10 days. After suspending, revoking, or disqualifying a nonresident commercial driver's privileges, the commissioner shall notify the licensing authority of the state which issued the commercial driver license or commercial driver certificate within 10 days.

(b) When the commissioner receives a request for an operating record of a person currently or previously licensed in Vermont, the commissioner shall provide the information within 30 days.

Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 4113 is amended to read:

§ 4113. Notification of traffic convictions

When a person who holds a commercial driver license issued by another state is convicted in this state of any violation of state law or local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than parking violations, in any type of vehicle, the commissioner shall notify the driver licensing authority in the licensing state of the conviction within ~~30~~ 10 days.

Sec. 6. 23 V.S.A. § 4116(d) and (k) are amended to read:

(d) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of 60 days if convicted of two serious traffic violations, or 120 days if convicted of three serious traffic violations, arising from separate incidents occurring within a three-year period. A disqualification for 120 days shall be issued to be consecutive with any previous disqualification.

(k) A person shall be disqualified for a term concurrent with any disqualification or suspension issued by the administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to 49 C.F.R. ~~part~~ section 383.52.

Sec. 7. 23 V.S.A. § 4119 is amended to read:

§ 4119. COMPLIANCE WITH OUT-OF-SERVICE ORDER;
DISQUALIFICATION FROM OPERATION OF VEHICLE

(a) No person shall operate a commercial motor vehicle in violation of an out-of-service order.

(b) Any person convicted for violating an out-of-service order shall be disqualified as follows except as provided in subsection ~~(b)~~(c) of this section:

(1) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of ~~90~~ 180 days if convicted of a first violation of an out-of-service order.

(2) A person shall be disqualified for a period of ~~one year~~ two years if convicted of a second violation of an out-of-service order during any ten-year period, arising from separate incidents.

(3) A person shall be disqualified for a period of three years if convicted of a third or subsequent violation of an out-of-service order during any ten-year period, arising from separate incidents.

~~(b)~~(c) Any person convicted for violating an out-of-service order while transporting hazardous materials or while operating a commercial motor vehicle designed or used to transport ~~15~~ 16 or more passengers, including the driver, shall be disqualified as follows:

(1) A person shall be disqualified for a period of 180 days if convicted of a first violation of an out-of-service order.

(2) A person shall be disqualified for a period of three years if convicted of a second or subsequent violation of an out-of-service order during any ten-year period, arising from separate incidents.

Sec. 8. 23 V.S.A. § 4120(a) and (b) are amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any driver who violates or fails to comply with an out-of-service order is subject to a penalty ~~of \$1,500.00~~ for a first conviction or for a second or subsequent conviction at the applicable minimum level set forth in 49 C.F.R. section 383.53(b)(1), in addition to disqualification under this chapter.

(b) Any employer who violates an out-of-service order, or who knowingly requires or permits a driver to violate or fail to comply with an out-of-service order, is subject to a penalty ~~of \$4,000.00~~ for a first conviction or for a second or subsequent conviction at the applicable minimum level set forth in 49 C.F.R. section 383.53(b)(2).

Sec. 9. 23 V.S.A. § 102(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner shall:

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(9) Issue nondriver identification cards; and

(10) Maintain commercial driver records and driver identification data in accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R section 384.231(d).

Sec. 10. 5 V.S.A. § 2001(d) and (f) are amended to read:

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or other law whether general, special, or local, violations of any rules promulgated pursuant to this section involving the operation of a motor vehicle may be charged through the use of a traffic complaint prescribed by the supreme court pursuant to ~~23 V.S.A. § 2303~~ 4 V.S.A. § 1105.

(f) The regulations promulgated by the ~~Materials Transportation Bureau of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration~~, United States Department of Transportation contained in Parts ~~170-189~~ 100-199 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations revised as of ~~December 31, 1976~~ October 1, 2007, and any amendment or addition to these regulations, and the regulations promulgated by the ~~Bureau of Federal Motor Carrier Safety; Federal Highway Administration~~, United States Department of Transportation contained in Parts 390-397 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, revised as of October 1, ~~1976~~ 2008, and any amendment or addition to these regulations and any provisions of any other regulations regarding the transportation of hazardous materials adopted by a federal agency may be adopted by the secretary of transportation.

Sec. 11. 5 V.S.A. § 2101(d) and (e) are amended to read:

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or other law whether general, special, or local, violations of any rules adopted pursuant to this section involving the operation of a motor vehicle may be charged through the use of a traffic complaint prescribed by the supreme court pursuant to ~~23 V.S.A. § 2303~~ 4 V.S.A. § 1105.

(e) The regulations promulgated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, United States Department of Transportation contained in parts 40, 350, 360, 365, 372, 381-383, ~~386-388~~ 385-388, 390-397, and 399 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, revised as of October 1, ~~2002~~ 2008, and any amendment or addition to these regulations may be adopted by the secretary of transportation.

Sec. 12. 23 V.S.A. § 114(a)(21) is amended to read:

(21) Records not otherwise specified

~~4.00~~ 6.00 per page

Sec. 13. 23 V.S.A. §§ 453 and 459 are amended to read:

§ 453. FEES AND NUMBER PLATES

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(g) The commissioner of motor vehicles shall not issue a dealer's certificate of registration to a new or used car dealer, unless the dealer has provided the commissioner with a surety bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit issued by an entity authorized to transact business in the same state. The amount of such surety bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit shall be between ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$20,000.00 and ~~\$15,000.00~~, \$35,000.00 based on the number of new or used units sold in the previous year; such schedule is to be determined by the commissioner of motor vehicles. In the case of a certificate of deposit, it shall be issued in the name of the dealer and assigned to the commissioner or his or her designee. The bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit shall serve as indemnification for any monetary loss suffered by the state or by a purchaser of a motor vehicle by reason of the dealer's failure to remit to the commissioner any fees collected by the dealer under the provisions of chapters 7 and 21 of this title or by a dealer's failure to remit to the commissioner any tax collected by the dealer under chapter 219 of Title 32. This state or the motor vehicle owner who suffers such loss or damage shall have the right to claim against the surety upon the bond or against the letter of credit or certificate of deposit. The bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit shall remain in effect for the pending registration year and one year thereafter. The liability of any such surety or claim against the letter of credit or certificate of deposit shall be limited to the amount of the fees or tax collected by the dealer under chapters 7 and 21 of this title or chapter 219 of Title 32 and not remitted to the commissioner.

§ 459. NOTICE TO COMMISSIONER

(a) Upon issuing a number plate with temporary validation stickers, temporary number plate, or decal to a purchaser for attachment to a motor vehicle, a dealer shall, within ~~three business~~ 15 calendar days, forward to the commissioner the application and fee, deposited with him or her by the purchaser, together with notice of such issue and such other information as the commissioner may require.

(b) If a number plate with temporary validation stickers, temporary registration plate, or decal is not issued by a dealer in connection with the sale or exchange of a motor vehicle, the dealer may accept, from the purchaser, a properly executed registration, tax and title application, and the required fees for transmission to the commissioner. The dealer shall, within ~~three business~~ 15 calendar days, forward to the commissioner the application and fee together with such other information as the commissioner may require.

Sec. 14. 23 V.S.A. § 1129(a) is amended to read:

(a) The operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident whereby a person is injured or whereby there is total damage to all property to the extent of ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$3,000.00 or more shall make a written report concerning the accident to the commissioner of motor vehicles on forms furnished by the commissioner. The written report shall be mailed to the commissioner within 72 hours after the accident. The commissioner may require further facts concerning the accident to be provided upon forms furnished by him or her.

Sec. 15. 23 V.S.A. § 1222(c) is amended to read:

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, an exhibition vehicle of model year 1940 or before, registered as prescribed in section 373 of this title or a trailer registered as prescribed in subdivision 371(a)(1)(A) of this title shall be exempt from inspection; provided, however, the vehicle must be equipped as originally manufactured, must be in good mechanical condition, and must meet the applicable standards of the inspection manual.

Sec. 16. 23 V.S.A. § 2017(b) is amended to read:

(b) The commissioner shall maintain at his or her central office a record of all certificates of title issued by him or her:

~~(1) Under for vehicles 15 years old and newer under a distinctive title number assigned to the vehicle;~~

~~(2) Under under the identification number of the vehicle;~~

~~(3) Alphabetically alphabetically, under the name of the owner; and, in the discretion of the commissioner, by any other method he or she determines. The original records may be maintained on microfilm or electronic imaging. and, in the discretion of the commissioner, by any other method he or she determines. The original records may be maintained on microfilm or electronic imaging.~~

Sec. 17. REPEAL

23 V.S.A. § 735 (motorcycle rider training program advisory committee) and chapter 20 of Title 23 (interstate compact for motor vehicle safety equipment) are repealed.

Sec. 18. 23 V.S.A. § 305 is amended to read:

§ 305. – WHEN ISSUED

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(c) The commissioner may issue number plates to be used for a period of two or more years. One validating sticker shall be issued by the department of

motor vehicles upon payment of the registration fee for the second and each succeeding year the plate is used. ~~Not~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, no plate is valid for the second and succeeding years unless the sticker is affixed to the rear plate in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

(d) When a registration is renewed electronically, a receipt shall be available for printing. The receipt shall serve as a temporary registration. To be valid, the temporary registration shall be in the possession of the operator at all times, and it shall expire ten days after the date of the transaction.

Sec. 19. 23 V.S.A. § 1251 is amended to read:

§ 1251. SIRENS AND COLORED SIGNAL LAMPS

~~Not~~ A motor vehicle shall not be operated upon a highway of this state equipped with a siren or signal lamp colored other than amber unless a permit authorizing such this equipment, issued by the commissioner of motor vehicles, is carried in the vehicle. A permit may be transferred following the same procedure and subject to the same time limits as set forth in section 321 of this title. The commissioner may adopt additional rules as may be required to govern the acquisition of permits and the use pertaining to sirens and colored signal lamps.

Sec. 20. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Sec. 3 (renewal) shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

(b) This section and Sec. 19 (siren and signal lamp permit transfer) shall take effect on passage.

(c) Secs. 1–2 and Secs. 4–18 shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to updating and clarifying provisions regarding commercial driver licenses and commercial motor vehicles and amending miscellaneous motor vehicle laws”

House Proposal of Amendment to Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 765

An act relating to establishing the Vermont agricultural innovation authority.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the proposal of amendment as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 6 V.S.A. § 2962, in subdivision (b)(2), by inserting “industry” after “livestock”

Second: In Sec. 1, 6 V.S.A. § 2962, in subdivision (b)(3), by striking “president pro tempore” and inserting in lieu thereof “committee on committees”

Third: In Sec. 1, 6 V.S.A. § 2962, in subdivision (b)(3), by relettering “(C)” to “(B)”

Fourth: In Sec. 1, 6 V.S.A. § 2962, by striking subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting a new subsection (d) to read:

(d) Any vacancy occurring among the members of the board shall be filled by the respective appointing authority pursuant to this section. A board member may be reappointed, provided that no board member, except the secretary of agriculture, food and markets, may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Each member of the board shall serve a three-year term, except:

(1) the governor shall appoint initially one member to a one-year term, one member to a two-year term, and two members to a three-year term;

(2) the speaker of the house shall appoint initially two members to a one-year term, one member to a two-year term, and one member to a three-year term; and

(3) the committee on committees shall appoint initially one member to a one-year term, two members to a two-year term, and one member to a three-year term.

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 99.

An act relating to amending the Act 250 criteria relating to traffic, scattered development, and rural growth areas.

S. 110.

An act relating to sheltering livestock.

S. 226.

An act relating to medical marijuana dispensaries.

H. 331.

An act relating to technical changes to the records management authority of the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration.

CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for

confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Service Board shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Jonathan Wood of Cambridge - Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources - By Senator Lyons for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/10/10)

Jonathan Wood of Cambridge - Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources - By Senator Lyons for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/10/10)

Justin Johnson of Barre - Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation - By Senator Lyons for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/10/10)

Wayne Allen Laroche of Franklin - Commissioner of the Department of Fish & Wildlife - By Senator Lyons for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/10/10)

Jason Gibbs of Duxbury - Commissioner of the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation - By Senator Lyons for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/10/10)

Jason Gibbs of Duxbury – Commissioner of the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation – By Senator Lyons for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/10/10)

Richard A. Westman of Cambridge – Commissioner of the Department of Taxes – By Senator MacDonald for the Committee on Finance. (3/16/10)

Bruce Hyde of Granville – Commissioner of the Department of Tourism & Marketing – By Sen. Ashe for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/10)

Kevin Dorn of Essex Junction – Secretary of the Agency of Commerce & Community Development – By Sen. Illuzzi for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/10)

Tayt Brooks of St. Albans – Commissioner of the Department of Economic, Housing and Community Affairs – By Sen. Miller for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/10)

JFO NOTICE
INFORMATION NOTICE

The following items were recently received by the Joint Fiscal Committee:

JFO #2439 — \$410,215 grant from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to the Vermont Department of Health. These funds will support Women, Infants Children program improvement projects in the areas of cash value benefit cards and replacement of the legacy computer system. [*JFO received 3/29/10*]

JFO #2440 — \$6,647 grant from the University of Vermont to Agriculture, Food & Markets. These funds will be used to support the Farm First program in providing dairy producers and their families with counseling, resources, and referral information related to stress and other concerns. [*JFO received 3/29/10*]

JFO #2441 — \$700,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Vermont Department of Children and Families. This grant will be used to fund 12 sub-awards to schools and non-profits targeting youth delinquency prevention. [*JFO received 4/06/10*]

JFO #2442 — \$807,454 grant from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention to the Vermont Department of Health. These funds will be used to support efforts to reduce tobacco use and expand tobacco cessation quit lines. This grant is awarded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. [*JFO received 4/06/10*]

JFO #2443 — \$5,034,328 grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to the Office of Vermont Health Access. This grant will be used to establish a statewide health information exchange (HIE) network and interstate HIE interoperability. [*JFO received 4/06/10*]

JFO #2444 — **Request to establish one (1) limited service position** in the Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets. This position is associated with a grant approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee for the Agriculture Innovation Demonstration Project (JFO #2425). [*JFO received 4/06/10*]

JFO #2445 — \$10,000 grant from the Wildlife Management Institute to the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. These funds will be used to create a roost field for American woodcock through reclamation of a gravel pit. [*JFO received 4/12/10*]