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2	Introduced by Representatives Young of Glover, Buxton of Tunbridge,
3	Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Scheuermann of
4	Stowe and Trieber of Rockingham
5	Referred to Committee on
6	Date:
7	Subject: Motor vehicles; mini-trucks; registration; operation
8	Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize the registration and
9	operation of mini-trucks on highways in Vermont, except on the interstate
10	system.
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11	An act relating to the registration and operation of mini-trucks
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 4 is amended to read:
14	§ 4. DEFINITIONS
15	Except as may be otherwise provided herein, and unless the context
16	otherwise requires in statutes relating to motor vehicles and enforcement of the
17	law regulating vehicles, as provided in this title and 20 V.S.A. part 5 of Title
18	20, the following definitions shall apply:
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(20) "Motor truck" means any motor vehicle designed primarily for the transportation of property and shall be construed to include truck tractor-semitrailer and truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combinations. "Motor truck" does not include a mini-truck. * * *

(37) "Standard equipment" and "properly equipped" as applied to a motor vehicle shall include adequate tires, head lamps, tail lamps, lenses, reflectors, brakes, muffler, rear view mirror, windshield wiper, horns, windshield, number plate brackets, and only such motor fuel tank or tanks as are regularly installed by the manufacturer. "Standard equipment" and "properly equipped," as applied to motor vehicles designated by the manufacturer as 1964 or later models, except for mini-trucks, shall also include safety seat belts or harnesses installed in the left and right front seats of pleasure cars and windshield defroster on pleasure cars, motor trucks and motor buses, both to be of a type approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles.

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> (83) "Mini-truck" means a motor vehicle having four wheels, a bed or compartment for hauling and an enclosed passenger cab, an engine displacement of 1,000 cubic centimeters or less, an unladened weight of 3,400 pounds or less, and a width of 67 inches or less. A mini-truck may be

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registered as a farm truck or as a pleasure car, or be unregistered when used in
accordance with subsection 370(b) of this title.
Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1004 is amended to read:
§ 1004. INTERSTATE HIGHWAY RULES <u>AND OPERATION</u>
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- 6 (d) Mini-trucks shall not be operated on the Dwight D. Eisenhower
- National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.
- 8 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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