

1 H.868

2 Representative Masland of Thetford moves that the bill be amended by  
3 inserting a new Sec. Q.1 to read as follows:

4 Sec. Q.1. CROSS BORDER STUDY; REPORT

5 (a) On or before January 15, 2017, the Legislative Economist shall perform  
6 a study and submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the  
7 relative long-term economic costs and benefits of Vermont and New  
8 Hampshire policies affecting business competitiveness, individual cost of  
9 living, and State revenues, including:

10 (1) relative costs and impacts on the pattern of retailing, the location of  
11 retail activity, and retail market share;

12 (2) relative costs and impacts of retail sales tax rates, income tax rates,  
13 and other broad-based taxes;

14 (3) relative regulatory costs and impacts associated with land use  
15 development;

16 (4) relative regulatory costs and impacts on sales and revenues from  
17 alcoholic beverages and tobacco products;

18 (5) relative regulatory costs and impacts on requirements governing  
19 solid waste disposal, recycling, and bottle redemption; and

20 (6) relative regulatory costs and impacts attributable to generally  
21 applicable business regulations.

1        (b)(1) For the purposes of this section, the Legislative Economist shall have  
2        the legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and shall have  
3        administrative, fiscal, and technical assistance of the Joint Fiscal Office.

4        (2) The Joint Fiscal Office shall bear the costs of the study and report  
5        required by this section from the amounts appropriated to it in fiscal year 2017.

6        Second: By redesignating the existing Sec. Q.1 as Sec. R.1

7        Third: In the new Sec. R.1, by inserting a subdivision (a)(5) to read as  
8        follows:

9        (a)(5) Sec. Q.1 (cross border study).

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