

1 H.868

2 Representative Masland of Thetford moves that the report of the Committee
3 on Ways and Means as amended be further amendment by inserting a new Sec.
4 Q.1 to read as follows:

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

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

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

12 (2) relative costs and impacts of retail sales tax rates and other related
13 excise taxes, including on tobacco products, alcohol, and gasoline;

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

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

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

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

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

2 Fourth: In the new Sec. R.1, in subsection (b), by striking out subdivision

3 (4) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (4) to read:

4 (4) Secs. H.11–H.12 (Technical Working Group review; VEPC review).