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An act relating to State-owned airports and economic development

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

Sec. 1. STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING PLAN;

MARKETING OF STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS

(a)(1) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, the legislative body of the municipality in which the airport is located, regional development corporations, regional planning commissions, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Aviation Council, State airport committees, and any other interested persons, shall update the State's Economic Development Marketing Plan to incorporate the marketing of State-owned airports.

(2) In updating the Marketing Plan, the Secretary shall consider the State Aviation Systems Plan and shall address economic development opportunities with respect to each State-owned airport, including the recruitment and expansion of businesses involved in the development and commercialization of next-generation aeronautics technologies.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary shall submit the updated Marketing Plan to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Transportation.

Sec. 2. CHARGING STATIONS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANTS
AT STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS; FEASIBILITY EVALUATION

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Renewable energy” shall have the same meaning as in 30 V.S.A. § 8002.

(2) “Renewable energy generating plant” means real and personal property, including any equipment, structure, or facility, used for or directly related to the generation of electricity from renewable energy.

(b) On or before January 15, 2019, for each State-owned airport, the Agency of Transportation shall evaluate the feasibility of:

(1) the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at the airport;

(2) the installation of electric aircraft charging stations at the airport; and

(3) the siting of one or more renewable energy generating plants at the airport.

Sec. 3. 5 V.S.A. § 807 is amended to read:

§ 807. LEASE FOR AIRCRAFT HANGARS AND OTHER STRUCTURES;
LEASE TO BUSINESS ENTITIES

(a) A designated area or areas on the airport may be leased to a person for the purpose of constructing aircraft hangars, repair shops, or other structures compatible with the use and operation of the airport.

(b) A designated area or areas on the airport may also be leased to any business entity consistent with Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.