

H.917

An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to transportation-related law

The House concurs in the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendment thereto as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, by striking out subdivision (b)(3) in its entirety and renumbering the remaining subdivision to be numerically correct

Second: By striking out Secs. 5–6 and the reader assistance headings thereto in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 5. [Deleted.]

* * * Program Development—Roadway Program * * *

Sec. 6. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT—ROADWAY PROGRAM

(a) The following project is added to the development and evaluation (D&E) list of the fiscal year 2019 Program Development—Roadway Program: construction of a roundabout at the intersection of VT 67A, Matteson Road, Silk Road, and College Drive in the town of Bennington.

(b) The Agency shall expend up to \$50,000.00 of federal funds on development and evaluation of the project added under subsection (a) of this section, to the extent such funds become available as a result of the unanticipated delay of projects approved in the fiscal year 2019 Program Development Program or cost savings on such projects, or both.

Third: In Sec. 19, 19 V.S.A. § 306, by striking out subdivision (a)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(1) An annual appropriation to class 1, 2, and 3 town highways shall be made. This appropriation shall increase ~~or decrease~~ over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage as ~~any increase or decrease in the~~ following, whichever is less:

(A) ~~the Transportation~~ year-over-year increase in the Agency's total appropriations in the previous fiscal year funded by Transportation Fund revenues, excluding the ~~town highway appropriations~~ appropriation for town highways under this subsection (a) for that year; or

(B) the percentage increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) during the previous State fiscal year.

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 32 and the reader assistance heading thereto in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Seatbelt Law for Adults; Primary Enforcement * * *

Sec. 32. 23 V.S.A. § 1259 is amended to read:

§ 1259. SAFETY BELTS; PERSONS AGE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND
OVER

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(e) ~~This section may be enforced only if a law enforcement officer has detained the operator of a motor vehicle for another suspected traffic violation.~~

~~An operator shall not be subject to the penalty established in this section unless the operator is required to pay a penalty for the primary violation. [Repealed.]~~

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Sec. 32a. PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT OF SEATBELT LAW; PUBLIC
EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

(a) To inform highway users of the requirements of Sec. 32 of this act (primary enforcement of the seatbelt law for adults) and the October 1, 2018 effective date of Sec. 32, the Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a public education campaign to commence on or before July 1, 2018.

(b) At a minimum, the Secretary shall:

(1) notify media outlets throughout the State of the change in the law to primary enforcement of the adult seatbelt law and the October 1, 2018 effective date of the change in the law;

(2) update the website of the Agency of Transportation and the website of the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide notice of the change in the law and its effective date; and

(3) consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and any other applicable federal law, post messages on changeable message signs of the Agency that inform highway users of the change in the law and its effective date.

Fifth: By striking out Sec. 43 (effective dates) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 43. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 2 (federal infrastructure funding), 16 (penalties for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors), 20 (transportation public-private partnerships), 23–24 (Green Mountain Transit Authority name update), 25 (PUC report; electric vehicle charging), and 32a (education campaign; primary enforcement) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. 41–42 (motor vehicle inspections) shall take effect on passage, except that notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, in Sec. 42, subsection (d) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2017.

(c) Sec. 32 (primary enforcement of adult seatbelt law) shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

(d) Secs. 30–31 (town highway weight limits) and 33–37 (aircraft fuel taxes) shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

(e) Sec. 29, 23 V.S.A. § 3513(a) (sunset of change to ATV fee and penalty allocation) shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

(f) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2018.