

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 620 entitled “An act relating to State-owned airports
4 and economic development” respectfully reports that it has considered the
5 same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING PLAN;

8 MARKETING OF STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS

9 (a) On or before January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Commerce and
10 Community Development (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of
11 Transportation, regional development corporations, regional planning
12 commissions, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Aviation
13 Council, State airport committees, and any other interested persons, shall
14 update the State’s Economic Development Marketing Plan to incorporate the
15 marketing of State-owned airports. In updating the Marketing Plan, the
16 Secretary shall consider the State Aviation Systems Plan and shall address
17 economic development opportunities with respect to each State-owned airport.

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

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

3 (a) As used in this section:

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

7 (2) “Renewable energy” shall have the same meaning as in 30 V.S.A.
8 § 8002.

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

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

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

13 (3) the siting of a renewable energy generating plant at the airport.

14 Sec. 3. 5 V.S.A. § 202 is amended to read:

15 § 202. DEFINITIONS

16 As used in this part of this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the
17 following definitions shall apply:

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19 (24) “Qualified aeronautics technology research organization” means a
20 legal entity in the business of developing and commercializing next-generation
21 aeronautics technologies with applications beneficial to the State, including the

1 development and testing of unmanned aircraft systems for logistics or
2 agriculture, reduced or zero-emission aircraft, roadable aircraft, or electric
3 passenger aircraft.

4 (25) “Restricted landing area” means an area of land or water, or both,
5 that is used or is made available for the landing and take-off of aircraft, the use
6 of which, except in case of emergency, shall be only as provided from time to
7 time by the Board.

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9 Sec. 4. 5 V.S.A. § 807 is amended to read:

10 § 807. LEASE FOR AIRCRAFT HANGARS AND OTHER STRUCTURES

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

14 (b) The Secretary may, upon certification by the Secretary of Commerce
15 and Community Development that a prospective lessee is a qualified
16 aeronautics technology research organization, approve the lease of a
17 designated area of an airport to the organization.

18 Sec. 5. DEVELOPMENT OF AEROSPACE SECTOR IN VERMONT;

19 APPROPRIATION

20 (a) In fiscal year 2019, the amount of \$25,000.00 is appropriated from the
21 General Fund to the Vermont Chamber of Commerce to continue its activities

1 to promote development of the Vermont aerospace sector and associated
2 supply chain throughout the State.

3 (b) The General Assembly intends that both the appropriation in subsection
4 (a) of this section as well as the 2017 extension of the aviation sales and use
5 tax exemption in 32 V.S.A. § 9741(29) promote development of the Vermont
6 aerospace sector and associated supply chain throughout the State.

7 Sec. 6. 5 V.S.A. § 213 is added to read:

8 § 213. COURTESY VEHICLES AT STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS

9 (a) The Secretary shall request and shall be entitled to receive from the
10 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, pursuant to 29 V.S.A.
11 § 1556(c), surplus State vehicles to serve as courtesy vehicles at State-owned
12 airports as may be needed to satisfy demand by pilots related to carrying out
13 their professional duties.

14 (b) The Secretary shall assign vehicles received pursuant to subsection (a)
15 of this section to State-owned airports as needed to satisfy demand by pilots
16 related to carrying out their professional duties. Fixed-base operators shall be
17 responsible for all carrying costs of such vehicles, and may charge pilots for
18 use of the vehicles not to exceed the amount needed to recover such costs.

1 Sec. 7. 29 V.S.A. § 1556 is amended to read:

2 § 1556. STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY

3 (a) All material, equipment, and supplies found to be surplus by any State
4 agency or department shall be transferred to the Commissioner of Buildings
5 and General Services. The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services
6 shall be responsible for the disposal of surplus State property. The
7 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may:

8 (1) transfer the property to any other State agency or department having
9 a justifiable need for the property, or transfer to any municipality, school, or
10 nonprofit organization having a justifiable need as determined by a State
11 agency or department, and assess an administrative fee if deemed appropriate;

12 (2) store or warehouse the property for future needs of the State;

13 (3) transfer the property to municipalities for town highways and
14 bridges;

15 (4) after giving priority to the provisions of subdivisions (1), (2), and (3)
16 of this subsection, transfer used bridge beams and other surplus material,
17 equipment, and supplies to VAST, the local affiliates of VAST, or to
18 municipalities cooperating with VAST or municipalities developing and
19 maintaining their own trail system;

20 (5) recondition and repair any property for use or sale when
21 economically feasible;

1 (6) sell surplus property by any suitable means, including bids or
2 auctions;

3 (7) donate, at no charge, surplus motor vehicles and related equipment,
4 to any nonprofit entity engaged in rehabilitating and redistributing motor
5 vehicles to Vermont residents with low income, provided that the
6 Commissioner has first attempted to sell or satisfy the needs of the State for the
7 vehicles or equipment concerned.

8 (b) Any municipality, school, or nonprofit organization that receives a
9 transfer of property pursuant to this section shall assume ownership of the
10 property from the State.

11 (c) After giving priority to disposing of surplus motor vehicles as provided
12 in subdivisions (a)(1)–(2) of this section, the Commissioner of Buildings and
13 General Services shall, upon request of the Secretary of Transportation, furnish
14 the Secretary of Transportation surplus vehicles as may be required to maintain
15 courtesy vehicles at State-owned airports in accordance with 5 V.S.A. § 213.
16 The Secretary of Transportation shall be exempt from any transfer charges
17 under this chapter.

1 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATES

2 (a) This section and Secs. 1–4 shall take effect on passage.

3 (b) Secs. 5–7 shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE