

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

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

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

5        Sec. 2. CHARGING STATIONS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANTS

6                AT STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS; FEASIBILITY EVALUATION

7        (a) As used in this section:

8                (1) “Renewable energy” shall have the same meaning as in 30 V.S.A.  
9        § 8002.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 § 807. LEASE FOR AIRCRAFT HANGARS AND OTHER STRUCTURES;

3 LEASE TO BUSINESS ENTITIES

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

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

9 Sec. 4. DEVELOPMENT OF AEROSPACE SECTOR IN VERMONT;

10 APPROPRIATION

11 (a) In fiscal year 2019, the amount of \$25,000.00 is appropriated from the  
12 General Fund to the Vermont Chamber of Commerce to continue its activities  
13 to promote development of the Vermont aerospace sector and associated  
14 supply chain throughout the State.

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

1       Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

2           (a) This section and Secs. 1–3 shall take effect on passage.

3           (b) Sec. 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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6           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE