

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Technology to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 582 entitled “An act relating to increased funding for the Connectivity
4 Initiative” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 7523 is amended to read:

8 § 7523. RATE OF CHARGE

9 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2014, the rate of charge shall be two percent of
10 retail telecommunications service.

11 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2022, the rate of
12 charge established under subsection (a) of this section shall be increased by
13 one-half of one percent of retail telecommunications service, and the monies
14 collected from this increase shall be transferred to the Connectivity Fund
15 established under section 7516 of this title.

16 (c) Universal Service Charges imposed and collected by the fiscal agent
17 under this subchapter shall not be transferred to any other fund or used to
18 support the cost of any activity other than in the manner authorized by this
19 section and section 7511 of this title.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE