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Representative Helm of Fair Haven moves that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1 (findings), by striking out subdivision (10) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (10) and a subdivision (11) to read:

(10) Vermont has a population of 623,657 persons. Approximately, 43 percent of the State's population, or 268,793 persons, reside in Chittenden, Franklin, and Washington counties. Within those counties, 161,382 persons reside in Chittenden County, 48,799 persons reside in Franklin County, and 58,612 persons reside in Washington County. In addition, approximately 40 percent of the rooms and meals taxes are assessed in Chittenden County, Washington County, and Franklin County.

(11) The General Assembly should in this act establish the necessary long-term revenue sources to support water quality improvement by increasing the rooms and meals taxes in the counties of the State with a significant share of the rooms and meals tax assessed.

Second: By striking out Secs. 2 and 3 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the Secs. 2 and 3 to read as follows:

* * * Rooms and Meals Tax * * *

Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 9241 is amended to read:

1 total charge and on each sale for less than one dollar and on each part of a
2 dollar in excess of a full dollar in accordance with the following formula:

3	\$0.01-0.11	\$0.01
4	0.12-0.22	0.02
5	0.23-0.33	0.03
6	0.34-0.44	0.04
7	0.45-0.55	0.05
8	0.56-0.66	0.06
9	0.67-0.77	0.07
10	0.78-0.88	0.08
11	0.89-1.00	0.09
12	<u>0.01-0.11</u>	<u>0.01</u>
13	<u>0.12-0.22</u>	<u>0.02</u>
14	<u>0.23-0.32</u>	<u>0.03</u>
15	<u>0.33-0.43</u>	<u>0.04</u>
16	<u>0.44-0.54</u>	<u>0.05</u>
17	<u>0.55-0.65</u>	<u>0.06</u>
18	<u>0.66-0.76</u>	<u>0.07</u>
19	<u>0.77-0.86</u>	<u>0.08</u>
20	<u>0.87-1.00</u>	<u>0.09</u>

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1 (a) There is created a special fund to be known as the “Clean Water Fund”
2 to be administered by the Secretary of Administration. The Fund shall
3 consist of:

4 (1) ~~revenues dedicated for deposit into the Fund by the General~~
5 ~~Assembly, including from the Property Transfer Tax surcharge established~~
6 ~~under 32 V.S.A. § 9602a; and~~

7 (2) other gifts, donations, and impact fees received from any source,
8 public or private, dedicated for deposit into the Fund and approved by the
9 Secretary of Administration;

10 (3) the amount equal to the increase from nine percent to nine and six
11 tenths percent of the rooms tax imposed in Chittenden County, Washington
12 County, and Franklin County by 32 V.S.A. § 9241(a) and the revenue from the
13 increase from nine percent to nine and six-tenths percent of the meals tax
14 imposed in Chittenden County, Washington County, and Franklin County by
15 32 V.S.A. § 9241(b);

16 (4) the unclaimed beverage container deposits (escheats) remitted to the
17 State under chapter 53 of this title; and

18 (5) other revenues dedicated for deposit into the Fund by the General
19 Assembly.

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