

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 143  
3 entitled “An act relating to automobile insurance requirements and  
4 transportation network companies” respectfully reports that it has considered  
5 the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be  
6 amended as recommended by the Committee on Judiciary with the following  
7 amendments thereto:

8 First: In Sec. 1, 23 V.S.A. § 750(b)(2)(A), by striking out subdivision (i) in  
9 its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (i) to read as  
10 follows:

11 (i) primary automobile liability insurance in the amount of at least  
12 \$50,000.00 for death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000.00 for death and  
13 bodily injury per incident, and \$25,000.00 for property damage; and

14 Second: In Sec. 1, 23 V.S.A. § 750(b) (company’s financial responsibility),  
15 by adding subdivision (9) to read as follows:

16 (9) A person who fails to maintain primary automobile insurance as  
17 required in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection (b) shall be assessed a  
18 civil penalty of not more than \$500.00, and such violation shall be a traffic  
19 violation within the meaning of chapter 24 of this title. A person who fails to  
20 carry proof of insurance as required under subdivision (8) of this subsection (b)  
21 shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00. Notwithstanding any

1           (4) a warning that the company will be deemed to have waived its right  
2 to a hearing and that the penalty will be imposed if no hearing is requested  
3 within 15 days from the date of the notice.

4           (d) A company that receives notice under subsection (c) of this section  
5 shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing unless, within 15 days  
6 from the date of the notice, the company requests a hearing in writing. If the  
7 company waives the right to a hearing, the Commissioner shall issue a final  
8 order finding the company in default and imposing the penalty.

9           (e) The provisions of sections 105, 106, and 107 of this title shall apply to  
10 hearings conducted under this section.

11           (f) The Commissioner may collect an unpaid administrative penalty by  
12 filing a civil action in Superior Court or through any other means available to  
13 State agencies.

14           (g) The remedies authorized by this section shall be in addition to any other  
15 civil or criminal remedies provided by law for violation of this chapter.

16           Fifth: By adding Sec. 3 to read as follows:

17           Sec. 3. STUDY; STATEWIDE REGULATION OF VEHICLES FOR HIRE

18           (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Director  
19 of the Office of Professional Regulation, shall conduct a study of whether and  
20 to what extent vehicles for hire, vehicle for hire drivers, and vehicle for hire

1           (b) For purposes of this section, a “vehicle for hire” is a passenger vehicle  
2           transporting passengers for compensation of any kind. Vehicles for hire  
3           include taxicabs, transportation network company vehicles, limousines, jitneys,  
4           car services, contract vehicles, shuttle vans, and other such vehicles  
5           transporting passengers for compensation of any kind except:

6                   (1) Those which an employer uses to transport employees.

7                   (2) Those which are used primarily to transport elderly, special needs  
8           and handicapped persons for whom special transportation programs are  
9           designed and funded by State, federal, or local authority otherwise exempted  
10           pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 4(15).

11                   (3) Buses, trolleys, trains, or similar mass transit vehicles.

12                   (4) Courtesy vehicles for which the passenger pays no direct charge,  
13           such as hotel or car dealer shuttle vans.

14           (c) On or before December 15, 2017, the Commissioner shall report his or  
15           her findings and recommendations to the Senate Committees on  
16           Transportation, on Judiciary, and on Finance and the House Committees on  
17           Transportation, on Judiciary, and on Commerce and Economic Development.  
18           and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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