

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

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person who operates a  
2 vehicle without financial responsibility as required by this subsection (b) is  
3 subject to administrative action as set forth in chapter 11 of this title.

4 Third: By adding Sec. 3 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 3. STUDY; STATEWIDE REGULATION OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

6 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Vermont  
7 Office of Professional Regulation, shall conduct a study of whether and to  
8 what extent vehicles for hire, vehicle for hire drivers, and vehicle for hire  
9 companies should be regulated by the State. Among other things, the  
10 Commissioner shall consider issues related to public safety, necessity, and  
11 convenience.

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

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

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

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

2           (4) Courtesy vehicles for which the passenger pays no direct charge,

3           such as hotel or car dealer shuttle vans.

4           (c) On or before December 15, 2017, the Commissioner shall report his or  
5           her findings and recommendations to Senate Committees on Transportation, on  
6           Judiciary, and on Finance and the House Committees on Transportation, on  
7           Judiciary, and on Commerce and Economic Development.

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12           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE