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2	Introduced by Representatives Colston of Winooski and McCormack of
3	Burlington
4	Referred to Committee on
5	Date:
6	Subject: Taxation; sales and use tax; motor vehicles; Reach Up Program
7	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to exempt motor
8	vehicles purchased by a participant in the Reach Up Program as a benefit
9	provided through the Department for Children and Families from sales and use
10	tax and waive the initial registration fee for motor vehicles purchased by a
11	participant in the Reach Up Program as a benefit provided through the
12	Department for Children and Families.
	An act relating to additional Peach Up Program benefits the Reach Up and Reach Ahead pilot program
13	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
14	Sec. 1 32 VS A § 8903 is amended to read:
15	§ 8903. TAX IMPOSED
16	(a)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the purchase in Vermont of a motor
17	vehicle by a resident a tax at the time of such purchase, payable as hereinafter
18	provided. The Except as otherwise provided in this subsection of excepted in

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1	section XVII at this title, the amount at the fav shall be six percent at the
2	taxable cost of a:
3	(A) pleasure car as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
4	(B) motorcycle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
5	(C) meter home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title; or
6	(D) vehicle weighing up to 10,099 pounds, registered pursuant to
7	23 V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.
8	(2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable
9	cost of the motor vehicle or \$2,075.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever is
10	smaller, except that pleasure cars that are purchased, leased, or otherwise
11	acquired for use in short-term rentals shall be subject to taxation under
12	subsection (d) of this section.
13	(b)(1) There Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or excepted in
14	section 8911 of this title, there is hereby imposed upon the use within this
15	State a tax of six percent of the taxable cost of a:
16	(A) pleasure car as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
17	(B) motorcycle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
18	(C) motor home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title; or
19	(D) vehicle weighing up to 10,099 pounds, registered pursuant to
20	23 V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.

- (2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost of the motor vehicle or \$2,075.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever is smaller, by a person at the time of first registering or transferring a registration to such motor vehicle payable as hereinafter provided, except no use tax shall be payable hereunder if the tax imposed by subsection (a) of this section has been paid, or the vehicle is a pleasure car that was purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals, in which case the vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.
- (c) The Vermont registration transfer of Vermont registration, or the issuance of a Vermont certificate obtitle of a motor vehicle shall be conclusive evidence that the purchase and use tax applies except as provided in section 8911 of this title.
- (d) There is hereby imposed a use tax on the rental charge of each transaction, in which the renter takes possession of the vehicle in this State, during the life of a pleasure car purchased for use in short-term rentals, which tax is to be collected by the rental company from the renter and remitted to the Commissioner. The amount of the tax shall be nine percent of the rental charge. Rental charge means the total rental charge for the use of the pleasure car, but does not include a separately stated charge for insurance, or recovery of refueling cost, or other separately stated charges which are not for the use of the pleasure car. In the event of resale of the vehicle in this State for use other

1	than short term rental, such transaction shall be subject to the tax imposed by
2	subjection (a) of this section.
3	(e)(1) Any person registering a pleasure car in this State subject to the tax
4	imposed by subsection (d) of this section must pay the tax imposed by
5	subsection (a) on (b) upon demand of the Commissioner if:
6	(A) the vehicle is rented for less than 30 days in a continuous period
7	of 365 days or for less than 60 days in a continuous period of 730 days; or
8	(B) the vehicle is no longer used in short-term rentals; and
9	(C) the vehicle has not been stolen, converted, or abandoned.
10	(2) For taxation purposes, the value of the vehicle shall be fixed in
11	accordance with section 8907 of this title as of the time the event causing the
12	imposition of the tax under subsection (a) or (b) of this section occurs.
13	(f) There is hereby imposed a tax at the rate prescribed in subsection (a) of
14	this section on any amount charged at the end of a motor vehicle lease contract
15	resulting from excess wear and tear or excess mileage.
16	(g)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the titling in this State a tax at the rate
17	provided for in subsection (a) or (b) of this section of the taxable cost of a:
18	(A) pleasure car as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
19	(B) motorcycle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;
20	(C) motor home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title, or

1	(D) vehicle weighing up to 10,000 pounds, registered nursuant to 23
2	V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.
3	(2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be at the rate provided for in
4	subsection (a) or (b) of this section and paid by a person at the time of
5	obtaining a certificate of title to the vehicle, except no tax shall be payable
6	hereunder if the tax imposed by subsection (a) or (b) of this section has been
7	paid, or the vehicle is a pleasure car which was purchased, leased, or otherwise
8	acquired for use in short-term rentals, in which case the vehicle shall be
9	subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.
.0	Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 8911 is amended to read:
1	§ 8911. EXCEPTIONS
2	The tax imposed by this chapter shall no apply to:
.3	* * *
4	(6) A pleasure car purchased by a participant in the Reach Up Program
.5	established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. chapter 11 as a benefit provided through the
6	Department for Children and Families.
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8	Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 361 is amended to read:
.9	§ 361. PLEASURE CARS
0	The annual fee for registration of any motor vehicle of the pleasure car
1	type, and all vehicles powered by electricity, shall be \$74.00, and the blennial

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- 1 fee shall be \$136.00. The annual fee shall be waived for one year for pleasure
- 2 cars purchased by a participant in the Reach Up Program established pursuant
- to 33 V.S.A. chapter 11 as a benefit provided through the Department for
- 4 Children and Families.
- 5 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

### Sec. 1. REACH UP AND REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM

In fiscal year 2020, the Department for Children and Families shall provide the Good News Garage with an additional \$434.00, beyond the \$6,000.00 purchase price, for each personal car purchased by the Department for a participant in the Reach Up or Reach Ahead programs. The \$434.00 shall be transferred by the Good News Garage to the participant in the Reach Up or Reach Ahead program for whom the Department purchased the personal car to cover the costs of the motor vehicle sales and use tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 8903 and the registration fee for the first year pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 361.

#### Sec. 2. REACH UP AND REACH AHEAD PILOT PROGRAM REPORT

The Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the Good

News Garage and the Departments of Motor Vehicles and of Taxes, shall file a

written report on the pilot program established in Sec. 1 of this act with the

House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health

and Welfare on or before March 1, 2020. The report shall address the number

of personal cars purchased by the Department for Children and Families for participants in the Reach Up and Reach Ahead programs in fiscal year 2020 through January 31, 2020, the number of those personal cars subsequently registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, whether the sales and use tax was paid on each of those personal cars, any difficulties or successes with the implementation of the pilot program, and anything else the Department for Children and Families wishes to address.

## Sec. 3. SPENDING AUTHORITY

The Department for Children and Families is authorized to spend \$26,040.00 from any vacancy savings associated with bringing on new employees in the Family Services Division in fiscal year 2020 for the purpose of implementing the pilot program established in Sec. 1 of this act.

#### Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.