

1 H.657

2 Introduced by Representative Yantachka of Charlotte

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; fuel tax; home weatherization assistance program;

6 taxation and finance; general gasoline tax; transportation; electric

7 vehicles

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the
9 fuel tax and use those funds for home weatherization and to impose a fee on
10 motor fuel sales and to use those funds for electric vehicle incentives and town
11 highway aid.

12 An act relating to the fuel tax and weatherization and to a motor fuel fee and
13 electric vehicle incentives and town highway aid

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 2503 is amended to read:

16 § 2503. FUEL TAX

17 (a)(1) There is imposed a tax on the retail sale of heating oil, propane,
18 kerosene, and other dyed diesel fuel delivered in Vermont, at the rate of ~~\$0.02~~
19 \$0.04 per gallon.

1 (2) There is imposed a gross receipts tax of ~~0.75~~ 1.00 percent on the
2 retail sale of natural gas and coal.

3 (3) There is imposed a gross receipts tax of 0.5 percent on the retail sale
4 of electricity.

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6 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 3106b is added to read:

7 § 3106b. IMPOSITION, RATE, AND PAYMENT OF FEE

8 (a) In all cases where a distributor is required to pay a tax under this
9 chapter, the distributor shall also pay to the Commissioner in the same manner
10 and time a fee pursuant to this section of \$0.04 per gallon upon each gallon of
11 gasoline or other motor fuel sold by the distributor in the State.

12 (b) The Commissioner shall deposit the fees into the Transportation Fund
13 and the fees shall be used as follows:

14 (1) one-half shall be used to fund the electric vehicle incentive program
15 established pursuant to 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34; and

16 (2) one-half shall be used for the Town Highway Aid Program.

17 (c) This section shall be repealed upon the State joining the Transportation
18 and Climate Initiative of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States.

19 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.