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5 Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City, Rosenquist of

6 Georgia, Savage of Swanton, and Smith of Derby

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Motor vehicles; pedestrians; equipment; lights; lamps; reflective

10 clothing; reflective material

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require

12 pedestrians to wear reflective material or carry a lamp, or both, when walking

13 along a highway without a sidewalk.

14 An act relating to pedestrians on roadways

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

16 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1055 is amended to read:

17 § 1055. PEDESTRIANS ON ROADWAYS; EQUIPMENT

18 (a) Where public sidewalks are provided, no person may walk along or

19 upon an adjacent roadway.

1 (b) Where public sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along
2 and upon a highway shall, ~~when practicable,~~

3 (1) walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing the
4 direction of possible oncoming traffic, when practicable; and

5 (2) wear reflective material with a surface area totaling at least
6 200 square inches or carry a lamp that emits a white light visible from a
7 distance of at least 150 feet under normal atmospheric conditions, or both, so
8 as to be clearly visible to possible oncoming traffic during the period from
9 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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