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2 Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Emmons of Springfield,

3 Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, and Shaw of Pittsford

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Appropriations; Judiciary; criminal and civil surcharges; General

7 Fund

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a  
9 schedule to repeal criminal and civil surcharges by June 30, 2026 and replace  
10 revenue from the surcharges with general funds.

11 An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges

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

13 Sec. 1. CRIMINAL AND CIVIL SURCHARGES; REPEAL; GENERAL

14 FUNDS

15 (a) On or before October 1, 2020, the Court Administrator, in consultation  
16 with the Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services,  
17 a representative from the Special Investigations Unit, and a representative from  
18 Vermont Legal Aid, shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on  
19 Appropriations a schedule to repeal the surcharges set forth in 13 V.S.A.  
20 § 7282 so that all surcharges are repealed on or before June 30, 2026.

1        (b) Beginning on July 1, 2021, for fiscal years 2022 through 2026, the  
2        Court Administrator shall include in its annual budget request a recommended  
3        amount of funding from the General Fund to replace the loss of revenue from  
4        the surcharges described in subsection (a) of this section that are set to repeal  
5        in that fiscal year.

6        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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