

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 160 entitled “An act relating to agricultural development” respectfully reports
4 that it has considered the same and recommends that the House propose to the
5 Senate that the bill be amended in Sec. 14, by striking out 10 V.S.A. § 2622c
6 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following new 10 V.S.A. § 2622c
7 to read as follows:

8 § 2622c. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; LOGGER SAFETY; MASTER
9 LOGGER CERTIFICATION; COST-SHARE

10 (a) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation annually shall
11 award grants to the following entities in order to provide financial assistance to
12 loggers for the purposes of improving logger safety:

13 (1) to the Vermont Logger Education to Advance Professionalism
14 (LEAP) program to provide financial assistance to logging contractors for the
15 costs of logger safety training or continuing education in logger safety; and

16 (2) to the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands for the purpose of
17 annually paying for up to 50 percent, but not more than \$1,500.00, of the costs
18 of the initial certification of up to 10 logging contractors enrolled in the Master
19 Logger Certification Program.

20 (b) The following costs to a logging contractor shall be eligible for
21 assistance under the grants awarded under subsection (a) of this section:

1 (1) the costs of safety training, continuing education, or a loss
2 prevention consultation;

3 (2) the costs of certification under the Master Logger Program
4 administered by the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands; or

5 (3) the costs of completion of a logging career technical education
6 program.

7 (c) A grant awarded under this section shall pay up to 50 percent of the cost
8 of an eligible activity.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE