

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to which was  
3 referred Senate Bill No. 353 entitled “An act relating to expanding the Front-  
4 Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program” respectfully reports that it has  
5 considered the same and recommends that the House propose to the Senate that  
6 the bill be amended as follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 1, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6, and  
8 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 1. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 136, Sec. 6 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 6. FRONT-LINE EMPLOYEES HAZARD PAY GRANT  
11 PROGRAM

12 (a)(1) There is established in the Agency of Human Services the Front-Line  
13 Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program to administer and award grants to  
14 certain ~~public safety, public health, health care, and human services~~ employers  
15 whose employees were engaged in activities substantially dedicated to  
16 mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the  
17 eligible period or were providing essential services to Vermonters.

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19 (b) As used in this section:

20 (1) “Agency” means the Agency of Human Services.



1 period, the retail establishment was open to the general public for in-person  
2 sales;

3 (xx) a wholesale distributor making deliveries to a retailer  
4 described in subdivisions (xvii)–(xix) of this subdivision (b)(2)(A);

5 (xxi) a trash collection, waste management, or septic service;

6 (xxii) an operator of a privately owned water pollution abatement  
7 and control facility, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to  
8 receive a grant to provide hazard pay to its eligible employees who performed  
9 work in the water pollution abatement and control facility;

10 (xxiii) a child care facility as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 3511 that  
11 provided child care services to essential service providers pursuant to Directive  
12 2 of Executive Order 01-20;

13 (xxiv) a vocational rehabilitation service provider;

14 (xxv) a funeral establishment or crematory establishment as  
15 defined in 26 V.S.A. § 1211; or

16 (xxvi) an agency licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 3172 that  
17 provides security services, as defined in 26 V.S.A. § 3151, to another covered  
18 employer, provided that such an employer shall only be permitted to receive a  
19 grant to provide hazard pay to its eligible employees who provided security  
20 services to another covered employer during the eligible period.

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1       ~~(i)(1) The definition of “covered employer” set forth in subdivision (b)(2)~~  
2       ~~of this section shall be deemed to include to the types of employers listed in~~  
3       ~~subdivision (b)(2) of this subsection to the extent permitted by federal law and~~  
4       ~~any applicable guidance if either of the following occurs:~~

5               ~~(A) the permissible uses of monies in the Coronavirus Relief Fund~~  
6       ~~pursuant to Sec. 5001 of the CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, as amended,~~  
7       ~~and any related guidance are expanded to permit the payment of hazard pay to~~  
8       ~~employees of some or all of the types of employers listed in subdivision (2) of~~  
9       ~~this subsection (i); or~~

10              ~~(B) a federal program that grants money directly to the State, which~~  
11       ~~may be used to provide hazard pay to employees of some or all of the types of~~  
12       ~~employers listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection (i), is enacted.~~

13              ~~(2) The following types of employers may be deemed to be included~~  
14       ~~within the definition of “covered employer” set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of~~  
15       ~~this section if the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection are met:~~

16              ~~(A) a grocery store;~~

17              ~~(B) a pharmacy;~~

18              ~~(C) a retailer identified as essential in Sec. 6, paragraphs f and h of~~  
19       ~~addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20, provided that, during the eligible~~  
20       ~~period, the majority of the retail establishment was open to the general public~~  
21       ~~for in-person sales rather than curbside pickup or delivery;~~

1           ~~(D) a wholesale distributor making deliveries to a retailer described~~  
2           ~~in subdivisions (A)–(C) of this subdivision (i)(2);~~

3           ~~(E) a trash collection or waste management service;~~

4           ~~(F) a janitorial service that provides cleaning or janitorial services to~~  
5           ~~another covered employer;~~

6           ~~(G) a child care facility as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 3511 that is~~  
7           ~~providing child care services to essential service providers pursuant to~~  
8           ~~Directive 2 of Executive Order 01-20;~~

9           ~~(H) a vocational rehabilitation service provider; or~~

10           ~~(I) a funeral establishment or crematory establishment as defined in~~  
11           ~~26 V.S.A. § 1211.~~

12           Second: In Sec. 2, appropriation, by striking out “\$19,500,000.00” and  
13           inserting in lieu thereof “\$12,500,000.00”

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