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Introduced by Representatives Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of
South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, and Townsend of
South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of South Burlington;
amendment

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve an
amendment to the charter of the City of South Burlington.

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of
South Burlington

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the City
of South Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposal of
amendment on March 5, 2019.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 13 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 13. CITY OF SOUTH BURLINGTON

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1 Subchapter 15. Taxation

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3 § 1508. SHORT-TERM CAR RENTAL HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE
4 AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX

5 (a) The City Council may impose a one-half of one percent (0.5 percent)
6 tax on those transactions in the City involving short-term car rentals. The
7 authority of the City Council to impose the tax was approved by the voters on
8 March 5, 2019. The tax imposed under this section shall be collected and
9 administered by the City of South Burlington.

10 (b) The City Council shall impose and administer the tax authorized by this
11 section by adopting an ordinance in the manner provided by sections 106–109
12 of this Charter.

13 (c) As used in this section, “short-term car rental” means any rental of a
14 pleasure car for a period of less than six months. “Short-term car rental” does
15 not mean the rental of motor trucks, motor buses, motorized highway building
16 equipment, road-making appliances, school buses, tractors, motor-driven
17 cycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, agricultural service
18 vehicles, and category I and II special purpose vehicles, as these terms are
19 defined under 23 V.S.A. § 4. In addition, “short-term car rental” does not
20 include membership-based community car-sharing services. The term
21 “pleasure car” has the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 4.

1 (d) Highway infrastructure and emergency services tax revenue received
2 shall be used to fund City highway maintenance and emergency services
3 expenses in order to reduce the municipal property tax collected on the City
4 grand list and shall not be used to increase total City revenues.

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6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.