

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.  
3 529 entitled “An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous  
4 changes to laws related to transportation” respectfully reports that it has  
5 considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that  
6 the bill be amended as follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 6 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a  
8 new Sec. 6 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 6. SPENDING AUTHORITY IN THE MUNICIPAL MITIGATION  
10 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

11 (a) Spending authority for grants in the Municipal Mitigation Assistance  
12 Program in the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2020  
13 Transportation Program (Revised February 21, 2019) is decreased by  
14 \$800,000.00 in special funds from the Clean Water Fund.

15 (b) Spending authority for grants in the Municipal Mitigation Assistance  
16 Program in the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2020  
17 Transportation Program (Revised February 21, 2019) is increased by  
18 \$135,000.00 in transportation funds.

19 (c) If the Agency’s fiscal year 2019 maintenance of effort requirement is  
20 attained and toll credits are approved by the Federal Highway Administration  
21 in fiscal year 2020, then spending authority for grants in the Municipal

1 Mitigation Assistance Program in the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed  
2 Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Program (Revised February 21, 2019) is  
3 further increased by the amount of toll credits approved, but not to exceed  
4 \$845,416.64.

5 Second: In Sec. 34, vehicle incentive and emissions repair programs, by  
6 striking out the words “is authorized to spend \$1,500,000.00 on the two  
7 programs” and inserting in lieu thereof the words is authorized to spend  
8 \$2,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2020 budget on the two  
9 programs

10 Third: By striking out Sec. 50, effective dates, and its accompanying reader  
11 assistance heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 \* \* \* Foreign Driver’s License Reciprocity \* \* \*

13 Sec. 50. 23 V.S.A. § 208 is amended to read:

14 § 208. RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF NONRESIDENT  
15 REGISTRATIONS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS; FOREIGN  
16 VISITORS

17 As determined by the Commissioner, and consistent with section 601 of this  
18 title, a motor vehicle owned by a nonresident shall be considered as registered  
19 and a nonresident operator shall be considered as licensed or permitted in this  
20 State if the nonresident owner or operator has complied with the laws of the  
21 foreign country or state of his or her residence relative to the registration of

1 motor vehicles and the granting of ~~operators'~~ operator's licenses or learner's  
2 permits. However, these exemptions shall be operative only to the extent that  
3 under the laws of the foreign country or state of the owner's or operator's  
4 residence like exemptions and privileges are granted to owners of motor  
5 vehicles duly registered and to operators duly licensed or permitted under the  
6 laws of this State, except that if the owner or operator is a resident of a country  
7 not adjoining the United States, the exemptions shall be operative for a period  
8 of not more than ~~30 days for vacation purposes~~ one year even if the country  
9 does not grant like privileges to residents of this State.

10 Sec. 51. 23 V.S.A. § 601(a) is amended to read:

11 (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, a resident shall not operate a  
12 motor vehicle on a highway in Vermont unless he or she holds a valid license  
13 issued by the State of Vermont. A new resident who has moved into the State  
14 from another jurisdiction and who holds a valid license to operate motor  
15 vehicles under section 208 of this title shall procure a Vermont license within  
16 60 days of moving to the State. Except as provided in subsection 603(d) of  
17 this title, licenses shall not be issued to nonresidents.

18 (2) In addition to any other requirement of law, a nonresident as defined  
19 in section 4 of this title shall not operate a motor vehicle on a Vermont  
20 highway unless:

1 (A) he or she holds a valid license or permit to operate a motor  
2 vehicle issued by another U.S. jurisdiction; or

3 ~~(B) he or she holds a valid license or permit to operate a motor~~  
4 ~~vehicle from a jurisdiction outside the United States and operates for a period~~  
5 ~~of not more than 30 days for vacation purposes; or~~

6 ~~(C)~~ he or she holds a valid license or permit to operate a motor  
7 vehicle from a jurisdiction outside the United States and:

8 (i) is at least 18 ~~or more~~ years of age, is lawfully present in the  
9 United States, and has been in the United States for ~~less~~ not more than one  
10 year; and

11 ~~(ii) the jurisdiction that issued the license is a party to the 1949~~  
12 ~~Convention on Road Traffic or the 1943 Convention on the Regulation of~~  
13 ~~Inter-American Motor Vehicle Traffic; and~~

14 ~~(iii)~~ he or she possesses an international driving permit.

15 Sec. 52. 23 V.S.A. § 632(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) Before an operator's or a junior operator's license is issued to an  
17 applicant for the first time in this State, or before a renewal license is issued  
18 to an applicant whose previous Vermont license had expired more than  
19 three years prior to the application for renewal, the applicant shall pass a  
20 satisfactory examination, except that the Commissioner may, in his or her  
21 discretion, waive the examination when the applicant holds a chauffeur's or

1 operator's license in force at the time of application or within one year of prior  
2 to the application in some other state jurisdiction where an examination is  
3 required similar to the examination required in this State.

4 \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

5 Sec. 53. EFFECTIVE DATES

6 (a) This section and Secs. 1(b) (act definitions), 12 (BUILD grant), 13  
7 (CRISI grant), 20 (public transit study), 29 (plug-in electric vehicle definition),  
8 30 (electric vehicle supply equipment definition), 33 (net metering), 34  
9 (vehicle incentive and emissions repair programs), 35 (Public Utility  
10 Commission report), 36 (Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets reporting),  
11 39 (PUC jurisdiction), 44 (emissions inspections), 45 (emissions inspections  
12 implementation), 46 (vehicle feebate report), and 47 (weight-based annual  
13 registration report) shall take effect on passage.

14 (b) Secs. 31 (weights and measures definition), and 32 (electric vehicle  
15 supply equipment definition) shall take effect on the earlier of January 1, 2021  
16 or six months after the National Institute of Standards and Technology adopts  
17 code on electric vehicle fueling systems.

18 (c) Sec. 41 (State vehicle fleet) shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

19 (d) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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2 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE