

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Transportation to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 280 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to
4 vehicles” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, 23 V.S.A. § 1209a, in subdivision (b)(1)(A)(ii), by
7 inserting “or a regulated drug” following “other than alcohol”

8 Second: By striking out Sec. 10, effective dates, and its corresponding
9 reader assistance heading in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof the
10 following:

11 * * * Transportation Network Companies (TNC);
12 Preemption; Sunset Extension; Report * * *

13 Sec. 10. 23 V.S.A. § 754 is amended to read:

14 § 754. PREEMPTION; SAVINGS CLAUSE

15 (a) Municipal ordinances, resolutions, or bylaws regulating transportation
16 network companies are preempted to the extent they are inconsistent with the
17 provisions of this chapter.

18 (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a municipal ordinance,
19 resolution, or bylaw regulating transportation network companies adopted by a
20 municipality with a population of more than 35,000 residents based on the

1 2010 census and in effect on July 1, 2017. This subsection shall be repealed on
2 July 1, ~~2022~~ 2025.

3 Sec. 11. TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES (TNC) REPORT

4 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the City of
5 Burlington; the Vermont League of Cities and Towns; and transportation
6 network companies (TNCs), as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 750(a)(4), doing
7 business in Vermont, shall file a written report with recommendations on how,
8 if at all, to amend 23 V.S.A. § 754 and, as applicable, 23 V.S.A. chapter 10
9 with the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development, on
10 Judiciary, and on Transportation and the Senate Committees Finance, on
11 Judiciary, and on Transportation on or before March 15, 2024.

12 (b) In preparing the report, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
13 review the following related to TNCs:

14 (1) changes in ridership and consumer practices for calendar years 2018
15 to 2023, including market penetration across the State;

16 (2) the results of and process for audits conducted on a State or
17 municipal level;

18 (3) an analysis prepared by the City of Burlington and TNCs of the
19 differences between the State regulatory scheme and the City of Burlington's
20 regulatory scheme, including whether allowing those inconsistencies is or will

1 be detrimental or beneficial to any of the following: the State, the traveling
2 public, TNCs, the City of Burlington, or other municipalities; and

3 (4) significant regulatory changes on a national level.

4 * * * Gross Weight Limits on Highways; Permit Portal; Report * * *

5 Sec. 12. REPORT ON INCREASING GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON
6 HIGHWAYS THROUGH SPECIAL ANNUAL PERMIT AND
7 STATUS OF PERMIT PORTAL

8 (a) The Secretary of Transportation or designee, in consultation with the
9 Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or designee, the Executive
10 Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns or designee, and the
11 President of the Vermont Forest Products Association or designee and with the
12 assistance of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or designee, shall examine
13 adding one or more additional special annual permits to 23 V.S.A. § 1392 to
14 allow for the operation of motor vehicles at a gross vehicle weight over 99,000
15 pounds and shall file a written report on the examination and any
16 recommendations with the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on
17 or before January 15, 2023.

18 (b) At a minimum, the examination shall address:

19 (1) allowing for a truck trailer combination or truck tractor, semi-trailer
20 combination transporting cargo of legal dimensions that can be separated into
21 units of legal weight without affecting the physical integrity of the load to bear

1 a maximum of 107,000 pounds on six axles or a maximum of 117,000 pounds
2 on seven axles by special annual permit;

3 (2) limitations for any additional special annual gross vehicle weight
4 permits based on highway type, including limited access State highway, non-
5 limited access State highway, class 1 town highway, and class 2 town
6 highway;

7 (3) limitations for any additional special annual gross vehicle weight
8 permits based on axle spacing and axle weight provisions;

9 (4) reciprocity treatment for foreign trucks from a state or province that
10 recognizes Vermont vehicles permitted at increased gross weights;

11 (5) permit fees for any additional special annual gross vehicle weight
12 permits; and

13 (6) additional penalties, including civil penalties and permit revocation,
14 for gross vehicle weight violations.

15 (b) The Secretary of Transportation or designee, in consultation with the
16 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or designee, shall also include an update on
17 the development and implementation of the centralized online permitting
18 system that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was authorized to initiate the
19 design and development of pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 149,
20 Sec. 26(a) in the report required under subsection (a) of this section.

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Sec. 13. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 1 (new motor vehicle arbitration; 9 V.S.A. § 4173(d)), 3 (current Total Abstinence Program participants), 8 and 9 (abandoned vehicles; 23 V.S.A. §§ 2151 and 2153(a)), and 10 (transportation network companies regulation preemption; 23 V.S.A. § 754(b)) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Sec. 2 (Total Abstinence Program; 23 V.S.A. § 1209a) shall take effect on passage and apply to all individuals participating in or in the process of applying to participate in the Total Abstinence Program as of the effective date of this section without regard to when the individual’s license was reinstated under the Total Abstinence Program.

(c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Committee vote: _____)

Representative _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE