

1 **ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS ON EMISSIONS REPAIR**

2 **PROGRAM AND REPEAL OF WAIVERS]**

3 * * * Emissions Repair Program * * *

4 Sec. 12. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34(a)(3), as amended by 2020
5 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 14, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154,
6 Sec. G.112, and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 56, is further amended to
7 read:

8 (3) Subject to State procurement requirements, the Agency may retain a
9 contractor or contractors to assist with marketing, program development, and
10 administration of the programs. Up to \$150,000.00 of program funding may
11 be set aside for this purpose for the ~~programs~~ program described in subsection
12 (c) of this section in fiscal year 2020 and \$50,000.00 of program funding shall
13 be set aside for this purpose for the ~~programs~~ program described in ~~subdivision~~
14 subsection (c)(~~4~~) of this section in fiscal year 2021.

15 Sec. 13. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34(a)(5), as amended by 2020
16 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 14, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154,
17 Sec. G.112, and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 56, is further amended to
18 read:

19 (5) The Agency shall annually evaluate the programs to gauge
20 effectiveness and submit a written report on the effectiveness of the programs
21 to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, the House Committee

1 on Energy and Technology, and the Senate Committee on Finance on or before
2 the 31st day of January in each year following a year that an incentive ~~or repair~~
3 voucher was provided through one of the programs. Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A.
4 § 20(d), the annual report required under this section shall continue to be
5 required if an incentive or repair voucher is provided through one of the
6 programs unless the General Assembly takes specific action to repeal the
7 report requirement.

8 Sec. 14. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34(c), as amended by 2020 Acts
9 and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 14, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. G.112,
10 and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 56, is further amended to read:

11 (c) High fuel efficiency vehicle incentive ~~and emissions repair programs~~
12 program. ~~Used~~ A used high fuel efficiency vehicle purchase incentive ~~and~~
13 ~~emissions repair programs~~ program for Vermont residents shall structure high
14 fuel efficiency purchase incentive payments ~~and emissions repair vouchers~~ by
15 income to help Vermonters benefit from more efficient driving, including
16 Vermont's most vulnerable. Not less than \$750,000.00 shall be provided in
17 point-of-sale ~~and point-of-repair~~ vouchers.

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19 (2) ~~The emissions repair program shall:~~

20 (A) ~~apply to repairs of certain vehicles that failed the on board~~
21 ~~diagnostic (OBD) systems inspection;~~

1 ~~(B) provide point-of-repair vouchers through the State’s network of~~
2 ~~community action agencies and base eligibility for voucher on the same criteria~~
3 ~~used for income qualification for Low Income Home Energy Assistance~~
4 ~~Program (LIHEAP) through the State’s Economic Services Division within the~~
5 ~~Department for Children and Families; and~~

6 ~~(C) provide a point of repair voucher to repair a motor vehicle that~~
7 ~~was ready for testing, failed the OBD systems inspection, requires repairs that~~
8 ~~are not under warranty, and will be able to pass the State’s vehicle inspection~~
9 ~~once the repairs are made provided that the point-of-repair voucher is~~
10 ~~commensurate with the fair market value of the vehicle to be repaired and does~~
11 ~~not exceed \$2,500.00, with \$2,500.00 vouchers only being available to repair~~
12 ~~vehicles with a fair market value of at least \$5,000.00. [Repealed.]~~

13 Sec. 15. EMISSIONS REPAIR PROGRAM

14 (a) Program creation. The Department of Environmental Conservation, in
15 consultation with the Agency of Transportation, shall establish and administer
16 an emissions repair program that shall:

17 (1) apply to repairs of certain vehicles that failed the on board diagnostic
18 (OBD) systems inspection;

19 (2) provide point-of-repair vouchers and base eligibility for vouchers on
20 the same criteria used for income qualification for the Low Income Home

1 Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through the State’s Economic Services
2 Division within the Department for Children and Families; and

3 (3) provide a point-of-repair voucher to repair a motor vehicle that was
4 ready for testing, failed the OBD systems inspection, requires repairs that are
5 not under warranty, and will be able to pass the State’s vehicle inspection once
6 the repairs are made provided that the point-of-repair voucher is commensurate
7 with the fair market value of the vehicle to be repaired and does not exceed
8 \$2,500.00, with \$2,500.00 vouchers only being available to repair vehicles
9 with a fair market value of at least \$5,000.00.

10 (b) Authorization and transfer. In fiscal year 2022, the Agency of
11 Transportation is authorized to transfer \$375,000.00 in one-time
12 Transportation Fund monies to the Department of Environmental Conservation
13 for the emissions repair program established under this section, with up to
14 \$50,000.00 of that \$375,000.00 transfer available for start-up costs and
15 outreach education and up to \$125,000.00 of that \$375,000.00 transfer
16 available for costs associated with developing and administering the emissions
17 repair program.

18 *** Repeal of Emissions Inspections Waiver ***

19 Sec. 15a. REPEALS

20 (a) 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 206, Sec. 23(e) (establishment of
21 emissions inspections waiver) is repealed on December 31, 2022.

- 1 (b) 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 158, Sec. 42(e) (establishment of
- 2 emissions inspections waiver) is repealed on December 31, 2022.