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**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE FOR A PORTION OF SEC. 8 –**

**DIFFERENCES FROM 2023 T. BILL, DR. 5.1 HIGHLIGHTED**

\* \* \* Codification of Vehicle Incentive Programs \* \* \*

Sec. 8. 19 V.S.A. chapter 29 is added to read:

CHAPTER 29. VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

§ 2901. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Adaptive electric cycle” means an electric bicycle or an electric-cargo bicycle that has been modified to meet the physical needs or abilities of the operator or a passenger.

(2) “Electric bicycle” has the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 4(46)(A).

(3) “Electric cargo bicycle” means a motor-assisted bicycle, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(45)(B)(i), with an electric motor, as defined under 23 V.S.A. § 4(45)(B)(i)(II), that is specifically designed and constructed for transporting loads, including of goods, one or more individuals in addition to the operator, and one or more animals. A motor-assisted bicycle that is not specifically designed and constructed for transporting loads, including a motor-assisted bicycle that is only capable of transporting loads because an aftermarket rear or front bicycle rack has been installed, is not an electric cargo bicycle.

1           (4) “Plug-in electric vehicle (PEV),” “battery electric vehicle (BEV),”  
2           and “plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)” have the same meanings as in 23  
3           V.S.A. § 4(85).

4           **[BALANCE OF SEC. 8 OMITTED FROM THIS DOCUMENT]**

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6           **[PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE FOR SEC. 13a –**

7           **DIFFERENCES FROM 2023 T. BILL, DR. 5.1 HIGHLIGHTED]**

8                               \* \* \* eBike Incentive Program \* \* \*

9           Sec. 13a. MODIFICATIONS TO EBIKE INCENTIVE PROGRAM;

10                           REPORT

11           (a) Definitions. The definitions in 19 V.S.A. § 2901, as added by Sec. 8 of  
12           this act, shall apply to this section.

13           (b) Authorization and modifications. The Agency is authorized to spend up  
14           to \$50,000.00 in one-time General Fund monies on the continuation of the  
15           eBike Incentive Program established pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No.  
16           55, Sec. 28, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 23, with the  
17           following modifications:

18                   (1) incentives shall be provided in the form of a voucher redeemable as  
19           a point-of-sale rebate at participating retail shops;

20                   (2) vouchers shall be provided to applicants that self-certify as to both:

1           (A) meeting income eligibility requirements under 19 V.S.A.  
2           § 2902(b)(3) (the lower-income tier for the Incentive Program for New PEVs),  
3           as added by Sec. 8 of this act; and

4           (B) that the incentivized electric bicycle, electric cargo bicycle, or  
5           adaptive electric cycle shall be used in a way that reduces greenhouse gas  
6           emissions, such as a substitute for trips that would have been taken in a vehicle  
7           other than a plug-in electric vehicle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85);

8           (3) only electric bicycles with a Base Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail  
9           Price (MSRP) between \$800.00 and \$4,000.00 shall be eligible for an  
10           incentive;

11           (4) only electric cargo bicycles with a Base MSRP of \$5,000.00 or less  
12           shall be eligible for an incentive; and

13           (5) an adaptive electric cycle with any Base MSRP shall be eligible for  
14           an incentive.

15           (c) Administrative costs. Up to 15 percent of the authorization in  
16           subsubsection (a) of this section may be used for any costs associated with  
17           administering and promoting the eBike Incentive Program.

18           (d) Reporting. The Agency of Transportation shall address incentives for  
19           electric bicycles, electric cargo bicycles, and adaptive electric cycles provided  
20           pursuant to this section in the January 31, 2024 report required under 19  
21           V.S.A. § 2905, as added by Sec. 8 of this act, including a:

- 1           (1) breakdown of who received an incentive **under the eBike Incentive**
- 2           Program;
- 3           (2) breakdown of where vouchers were redeemed;
- 4           (3) breakdown, **by manufacturer and type, of electric bicycles, electric**
- 5           **cargo bicycles, and adaptive electric cycles incentivized;**
- 6           (4) detailed summary of information provided in the self-certification
- 7           forms; and
- 8           (5) detailed summary information collected through participant surveys.