

1 **[SUBSTITUTE FOR H.693, SEC. 22- CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED]**

2 Sec. 22. **REPLACEMENT FOR THE** VERMONT STATE STANDARDS

3 **(a) In preparing the replacement for the Vermont State Standards, the**

4 Agency of Transportation shall:

5 (1) release a draft of the replacement to the Vermont State Standards  
6 and related documents not later than January 1, 2025;

7 (2) conduct not less than five public hearings across the State  
8 concerning the replacement to the Vermont State Standards and related  
9 documents;

10 (3) provide a publicly available written explanation of the Agency of  
11 Transportation’s reasons for why it decided to overrule substantial arguments  
12 and considerations raised for or against the draft of the replacement to the  
13 Vermont State Standards and related documents, as applicable; and

14 (4) consult directly with the Vermont chapter of the American  
15 Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Vermont League of Cities and  
16 Towns, the Vermont Community Development Program within the Agency of  
17 Commerce and Community Development, regional planning commissions, and  
18 Transportation for Vermonters.

19 **(b) The Agency shall provide written updates on its progress preparing the**  
20 **replacement to the Vermont State Standards, including the process required**

- 1 under subsection (a) of this section, to the House and Senate Committees on
- 2 Transportation not later than November 15, 2024 and March 1, 2025.