

Journal of the House

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

At one o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Aaron Clark, Crossroads Christian Church, East Montpelier.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 131

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington relating to the possession of firearms

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 117

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to rulemaking on safety and health standards and technical corrections on employment practices and unemployment compensation

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Pending Entry on the Notice Calendar

Bill Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

S. 56

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to creating an Office of New Americans

Pending entry on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**J.R.S. 24**

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 24. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on May 2, 2025.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, May 2, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Ceremonial Reading**H.C.R. 113**

Offered by Representatives Sibilias of Dover, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Cooper of Pownal, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Page of Newport City, Priestley of Bradford, Stevens of Waterbury, Tomlinson of Winooski, Toof of St. Albans Town, Waszazak of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury

House concurrent resolution congratulating the winning teams at the 2025 Jr Iron Chef VT competition

Whereas, Vermont Afterschool, the proud sponsor of the Jr Iron Chef VT cooking competition, describes the event as being one in which “youth from across the state are brought together to stand side-by-side in an orchestrated frenzy—dicing, grating, and sautéing their way to culinary fame,” and

Whereas, on March 29, 2025, the 17th rendition of this unusual cooking extravaganza, which encourages student chefs “to create locally sourced meals that promote Vermont’s Farm to School” program, was convened at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, the popularity of this career exploration initiative is reflected in the more than 5,000 Vermont middle and high school students, who since 2008 have enthusiastically maximized their cooking skills and ingenuity as members of 1,000 participating teams, and

Whereas, the teams compete for three awards: Lively Local, honoring the team that best highlights Vermont foods; Mise en Place, honoring the team that shows exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism; and Crowd Pleaser, honoring the team that best incorporates color, texture, and taste, and

Whereas, the competition categories, the winning middle and high schools, their team names, and their culinary creations were as follows:

Lively Local: Camel's Hump Middle School, Space Girls, soy glazed tofu and veggie taco with sunbutter sauce; Twin Valley Middle School, Cauliflower Crusaders, bodacious buffalo cauliflower tacos; and Champlain Valley Union High School, Chefhawks, brown butter shitake mushroom rice bowl;

Mise en Place: Winooski Middle School, Winooski Wild Onions, Korean fried "chicken" of the wood; Hunt Middle School, Eggsperts, green goddess deviled eggs; and Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Steam Dream Team, mushroom cabbage dumplings; and

Crowd Pleaser: Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, Los Amigos, three pepper quesadilla with charred corn and black bean salsa; Vergennes Union Middle School, Jalapeno Hotties, blackened tofu with mushrooms, shallots, peppers, and grits; and Champlain Valley Union High School, Spice Girls, tikka masala with spiced naan, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winning teams at the 2025 Jr Iron Chef VT competition, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the winning teams and to Vermont Afterschool.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 25, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 116

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Morgan, M. of Milton, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Burt of Cabot, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier,

Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pezzo of Colchester, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Powers of Waterford, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Squirrell of Underhill, Steady of Milton, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Tomlinson of Winooski, Toof of St. Albans Town, Torre of Moretown, Walker of Swanton, Waszazak of Barre City, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by Senators Collamore and Ram Hinsdale

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War

Whereas, the U.S. military engagement in Vietnam began in 1950, when, on the advice of his National Security Council, President Truman authorized military aid for French armed forces battling in Indochina, and, in July 1959, two American military advisors were killed in a guerrilla attack, and

Whereas, as the challenges for the South Vietnamese government increased, the American military advisory presence expanded, and

Whereas, in August 1964, while stationed off the Vietnamese coast in the Gulf of Tonkin, the American destroyer USS Maddox sustained damage from North Vietnamese fire, and in response, Congress adopted the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, increasing President Johnson's authority to engage militarily in Vietnam, and

Whereas, in March 1965, the first American combat troops arrived at Da Nang, South Vietnam, and during the following years, American forces fought bravely and at great peril, and according to the 2021 data of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 58,281 U.S. military personnel, including 100 Vermonters, died in combat or noncombat situations during the Vietnam War, while over 300,000 American soldiers were wounded, and

Whereas, although a cease-fire agreement was signed in January 1973 and the last U.S. ground troops withdrew from the country in March 1973, the Vietnam War continued until April 30, 1975, when North Vietnam captured the South Vietnamese capital, then known as Saigon, and the conflict concluded, and

Whereas, Vietnam War veterans served their country heroically and many continue to face physical and mental health challenges due to their military service, and

Whereas, today, April 30, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion Department of Vermont, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Vermont.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 25, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Remarks Journalized

On motion of **Rep. Bartley of Fairfax**, the following remarks by **Rep. Morgan, M. of Milton** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

On this somber yet significant anniversary of the fall of Saigon, we remember the 50th year since the end of the Vietnam War. The complex history involved made this a unique conflict. We remember the men and women who served and the lasting scars on both nations.

On this day, April 30, 2025, we stand in remembrance of the day the Vietnam War officially ended, with the fall of Saigon. This event marked the end of a long and arduous conflict, one that profoundly shaped the landscape of global politics and left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals. It’s important to acknowledge the complex history of this war. From its origins in the Cold War, through the escalating involvement of the United States, to the eventual withdrawal and its aftermath, the Vietnam War was a deeply divisive and controversial period. We must remember the sacrifices made by all who served, both on the American and Vietnamese sides. This anniversary also provides an opportunity to reflect on the lasting impact of the Vietnam War. We must also remember our veterans who continue to suffer from the physical and psychological scars of the war. Having an uncle that flew roughly a year’s worth of combat missions in Vietnam, I can remember the way they were treated upon their return from war versus the way my generation was treated. It was starkly different, and I feel for that lack of support and showing of respect that these Vietnam Veterans generally did not receive. One could say they ‘never got their day.’

In closing, let us remember those who lost their lives, those who were wounded, and those who were forever changed by this conflict. Let us honor their sacrifices and learn from the lessons of the past, so that we may strive for a more peaceful and just future. Let us continue to remember, to learn, and to heal, as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

Madam Speaker, we have with us today individuals representing our Vermont Vietnam Veterans. We specifically have four members of the State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America: Perry Melvin, VT State Council President of Shelburne, Richard Reed, Vice President of the VT State Council from Leicester, Lawrence Gold and his wife Irene, Chapter 001 (First in Nation) Vice President from Middlebury, and Steven Bennett, Chapter President of 601 from Bennington. Madam Speaker, would you help me recognize these, silent, unsung heroes? They are seated in the gallery behind me.”

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in**H. 463**

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to technical corrections for the 2025 legislative session

The Senate proposed to the House to amend the bill in: Sec. 7, 3 V.S.A. § 206, following “pertaining” by inserting to

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Amendment Offered and Withdrawn; Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**S. 50**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the size of solar net metering projects that qualify for expedited registration

Was taken up and, pending third reading of the bill, **Reps. Harrison of Chittenden and McCoy of Poultney** moved to amend the House proposal of amendment by striking out Sec. 6, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new Secs. 6-12 to read as follows:

Sec. 6. 30 V.S.A. § 202b is amended to read:

§ 202b. STATE COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN

(a) The Department of Public Service, in conjunction with other State agencies designated by the Governor, shall prepare a State Comprehensive Energy Plan covering at least a 20-year period. The Plan shall seek to implement the State energy policy set forth in section 202a of this title, including meeting the State’s greenhouse gas emissions reductions ~~requirements~~ goals pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 578, and shall be consistent with the relevant goals of 24 V.S.A. § 4302 ~~and with the Vermont Climate Action Plan adopted and updated pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 592.~~ The State Comprehensive Energy Plan shall include:

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(e) The Commissioner of Public Service (Commissioner) shall file an annual report on progress in meeting the goals of the Plan. The report shall address each of the following sectors of energy consumption in the State: electricity, nonelectric fuels for thermal purposes, and transportation. In preparing the report, the Commissioner shall consult with the Secretaries of Administration, of Agriculture, Food and Markets, of Natural Resources, and of Transportation and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services.

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(3) For each sector, the report shall provide:

(A) In millions of British thermal units (MMBTUs) for the most recent calendar year for which data are available, the total amount of energy consumed, the amount of clean and renewable energy consumed, and the percentage of clean and renewable energy consumed. For the electricity sector, the report shall also state the amounts in megawatt hours (MWH) of retail sales and load for Vermont as well as for each retail electricity provider and the Vermont and New England summer and winter peak electric demand, including the hour and day of peak demand.

(B) Projections of the energy reductions and shift to clean and renewable energy expected to occur under existing policies, technologies, and markets. The most recent available data shall be used to inform these projections and shall be provided as a supplement to the data described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3).

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(7) The report shall include the following information on progress toward meeting the Renewable Clean Energy Standard (RES CES):

(A) An assessment of the costs and benefits of the RES CES based on the most current available data, including rate and economic impacts, customer savings, technology deployment, greenhouse gas emission reductions achieved both relative to 10 V.S.A § 578 requirements and societally, fuel price stability, effect on transmission and distribution upgrade costs, and any recommended changes based on this assessment.

(i) For the most recent calendar year for which data is available, each retail electricity provider's retail sales and load, in MWh; required amounts of clean and renewable energy for each category of the RES CES as set forth in section 8005 of this title; and amounts of clean and renewable energy and tradeable clean and renewable energy credits eligible to satisfy the requirements of sections 8004 and 8005 of this title actually owned by the Vermont retail electricity providers, expressed as a percentage of retail sales and total load MWh purchases made by Vermont retail electricity providers to meet demand.

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(iv) The report shall assess how costs and benefits of the RES CES are being distributed across State, to the extent possible given available data, by retail electricity service territory, municipality, and environmental

justice focus populations, as defined by 3 V.S.A. § 6002. Such an assessment shall consider metrics to monitor affordability of electric rates.

(B) Projections, looking at least 10 years ahead, of the impacts of the ~~RES~~ CES.

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(iii) The Department shall project, for the State, the impact of the ~~RES~~ CES in each of the following areas: electric utility rates, total energy consumption, electric energy consumption, fossil fuel consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. The report shall compare the amount or level in each of these areas with and without the program.

(C) An assessment of whether the requirements of the ~~RES~~ CES have been met to date, and any recommended changes needed to achieve those requirements.

(D) A summary of the activities of distributed renewable generation programs that support the achievement of the ~~RES~~ CES, including:

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Sec. 7. 30 V.S.A. § 8002 is amended to read:

§ 8002. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

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(7) “Environmental attributes” means the characteristics of a plant that enable the energy it produces to qualify as clean or renewable energy and include any and all benefits of the plant to the environment such as avoided emissions or other impacts to air, water, or soil that may occur through the plant’s displacement of a nonclean or nonrenewable energy source.

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(25) “Clean energy” means both renewable energy, as defined in this section, as well as electricity produced using a technology that does not emit greenhouse gases as a by-product of energy generation.

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(29) “RES” “CES” means the Renewable Clean Energy Standard established under sections 8004 and 8005 of this title.

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(33) “Tradeable zero emissions credits” or “ZECs” means all of the environmental attributes associated with a single unit of energy generated by a clean energy source where:

(A) those attributes are transferred or recorded separately from that unit of energy;

(B) the party claiming ownership of the tradeable zero emissions credits has acquired the exclusive legal ownership of all, and not less than all, the environmental attributes associated with that unit of energy; and

(C) exclusive legal ownership can be verified through an auditable contract path or pursuant to the system established or authorized by the Commission or any program for tracking and verification of the ownership of environmental attributes of energy legally recognized in any state and approved by the Commission.

Sec. 8. 30 V.S.A. § 8004 is amended to read:

§ 8004. SALES OF ELECTRIC ENERGY; RENEWABLE CLEAN
ENERGY STANDARD (~~RES~~ CES)

(a) ~~Establishment~~ Expansion; requirements. The ~~RES~~ Renewable Energy Standard is ~~established~~ expanded to become the CES. Under this program, a retail electricity provider shall not sell or otherwise provide or offer to sell or provide electricity in the State of Vermont without ownership of sufficient energy produced by clean and renewable energy plants or sufficient tradeable renewable energy and zero emissions credits from plants whose energy is capable of delivery in New England that reflect the required amounts of clean and renewable energy set forth in section 8005 of this title or without support of energy transformation projects in accordance with that section. A retail electricity provider may meet the required amounts of clean and renewable energy through eligible tradeable renewable energy and zero emissions credits that it owns and retires, eligible clean and renewable energy resources with environmental attributes still attached, or a combination of those credits and resources.

(b) Rules. The Commission shall ~~adopt~~ update the rules that are necessary to allow the Commission and the Department to implement and supervise further the implementation and maintenance of the ~~RES~~ CES.

(c) ~~RECS~~ RECs and ZECs; banking. The Commission shall allow a provider that has met the required ~~amount~~ amounts of renewable energy or zero emissions credits in a given year, commencing with 2017, to retain tradeable renewable energy or zero emissions credits created or purchased in

excess of that amount for application to the provider's required amount of clean or renewable energy in one of the following three years.

(d) Alternative compliance payment. In lieu of purchasing renewable energy or tradeable renewable energy or zero emissions credits or supporting energy transformation projects to satisfy the requirements of this section and section 8005 of this title, a retail electricity provider in this State may pay to the Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund established under section 8015 of this title an alternative compliance payment at the applicable rate set forth in section 8005. The administrator of the Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund shall use the payment from a retail electricity provider electing to make an alternative compliance payment to satisfy its obligations under subdivisions 8005(a)(1), 8005(a)(2), 8005(a)(4), and 8005(a)(5) of this title for the development of renewable energy plants that are intended to serve and benefit customers with low income of the retail electricity provider that has made the payment. Such plants shall be located within the provider's service territory, if feasible. In the event that such a payment is insufficient to enable the development of a renewable energy plant, the administrator may use the payment for other initiatives allowed under section 8015 of this title that will benefit customers with low income of the retail electricity provider that has made the payment. As used in this subsection (~~d~~), "customer with low income" means a person purchasing energy from a retail electricity provider and with an income that is less than or equal to 80 percent of area median income, adjusted for family size, as published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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(f) Joint efforts. Retail electricity providers may engage in joint efforts to meet one or more categories within the RES CES.

Sec. 9. 30 V.S.A. § 8005 is amended to read:

§ 8005. RES CES CATEGORIES

(a) Categories. This section specifies five categories of required resources to meet the requirements of the RES CES established in section 8004 of this title: total clean and renewable energy, distributed renewable generation, energy transformation, new renewable energy, and load growth renewable energy. In order to support progress toward Vermont's climate goals and requirements, a provider may, but shall not be required to, exceed the statutorily required amounts under this section.

(1) Total clean and renewable energy.

(A) Purpose; establishment. To encourage the economic and environmental benefits of renewable energy, this subdivision establishes, for

the ~~RES~~ CES, minimum total amounts of clean and renewable energy within the supply portfolio of each retail electricity provider. To satisfy this requirement, a provider may use clean energy generated within New England or renewable energy with environmental attributes attached or any class of tradeable renewable energy credits generated by any renewable energy plant whose energy is capable of delivery in New England.

(B) Required amounts.

(i) The amounts of total clean and renewable energy required by this subsection (a) shall be 63 percent of each retail electricity provider's annual load during the year beginning on January 1, 2025, increasing by at least an additional ~~four~~ 7.4 percent each third January 1 thereafter until reaching 100 percent: ~~on and after January 1, 2030.~~

~~(i) on and after January 1, 2035 for a retail electricity provider who serves a single customer that takes service at 115 kilovolts and each municipal retail electricity provider formed under local charter or chapter 79 of this title; and~~

~~(ii) on and after January 1, 2030, for all other retail electricity providers~~ The amount of total renewable energy required by this subsection (a) shall be 55 percent of each retail electricity provider's annual electricity purchases during the year beginning on January 1, 2027, increasing by an additional four percent each January 1 hereafter, until reaching 75 percent on and after January 1, 2032.

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(2) Distributed renewable generation.

(A) Purpose; establishment. This subdivision establishes a distributed renewable generation category for the ~~RES~~ CES. This category encourages the use of distributed generation to support the reliability of the State's electric system; reduce line losses; contribute to avoiding or deferring improvements to that system necessitated by transmission or distribution constraints; and diversify the size and type of resources connected to that system. This category requires the use of renewable energy for these purposes to reduce environmental and health impacts from air emissions that would result from using other forms of generation.

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(E) Avoiding transmission and distribution constraints.

(i) Procurements by retail electricity providers and programs that support meeting the requirements of this subdivision (2) shall avoid development of new facilities in generation constrained areas of the

distribution or transmission system that would not need to be expanded but for the addition of additional generation, unless costs associated with development in those generation constrained areas are not passed through to ratepayers through the cost to utilities to purchase the generation or in any other manner. To implement the intent of this section, the Commission may update or adopt rules, including rules that require a locational adjustor fee.

(ii) A retail electricity provider may petition the Commission for relief of the requirements of subdivision (C) of this subdivision (a)(2) or the associated alternative compliance payment, which may be granted if the provider can demonstrate that it is unable to meet its requirements without extensive upgrades to the transmission or distribution infrastructure that would be borne by the provider's ratepayers. If relief is granted, the retail electricity provider shall be required to instead acquire new renewable generation from facilities that qualify to meet the requirements of subdivision (4) of this subsection (a), in addition to the requirements as described in subdivision (4) of this subsection (a).

(3) Energy transformation.

(A) Purpose; establishment. This subdivision (3) establishes an energy transformation category for the RES CES. This category encourages Vermont retail electricity providers to support additional distributed renewable generation or to support other projects to reduce fossil fuel consumed by their customers and the emission of greenhouse gases attributable to that consumption. A retail electricity provider may satisfy the energy transformation requirement through distributed renewable generation in addition to the generation used to satisfy subdivision (2) of this subsection (a) or energy transformation projects or a combination of such generation and projects.

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(4) New renewable energy.

(A) Purpose; establishment. This subdivision (4) establishes a new regional renewable energy category for the RES CES. This category encourages the use of new renewable generation to support the reliability of the regional ISO-NE electric system. To satisfy this requirement, a provider shall use new renewable energy with environmental attributes attached or any class of tradeable renewable energy credits generated by any renewable energy plant coming into service after January 1, 2010 whose energy is capable of delivery in New England.

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(6) Alternative compliance rates.

(A) The alternative compliance payment rates for the categories established by subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection (a) shall be:

(i) total clean and renewable energy requirement — \$0.01 per kWh; and

(ii) ~~distributed renewable generation and~~ energy transformation requirements — \$0.06 per kWh.

(B) The Commission shall adjust these rates for inflation annually commencing January 1, 2018, using the CPI.

(C) For the distributed renewable energy, new renewable energy and load growth requirements, it shall be \$0.04 per kWh annually commencing on January 1, 2025, with calculations for inflation beginning on January 1, 2023.

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Sec. 10. 30 V.S.A. § 8006 is amended to read:

§ 8006. TRADEABLE CREDITS; ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES;
RECOGNITION, MONITORING, AND DISCLOSURE

(a) The Commission shall ~~establish or adopt a~~ amend and expand its system of tradeable renewable energy credits for renewable resources that may be earned by electric generation qualifying for the prior RES to include clean energy generation. The system shall recognize tradeable renewable energy credits monitored and traded on the New England Generation Information System (GIS); shall provide a process for the recognition, approval, and monitoring of environmental attributes attached to clean and renewable energy that are eligible to satisfy the requirements of sections 8004 and 8005 of this title but are not monitored and traded on the GIS; and shall otherwise be consistent with regional practices.

(b) The Commission shall ensure that all electricity provider and provider-affiliate disclosures and representations made with regard to a provider's portfolio are accurate and reasonably supported by objective data. Further, the Commission shall ensure that providers disclose the types of generation used and shall clearly distinguish between energy or tradeable energy credits provided from clean, renewable, and nonrenewable energy sources and existing and new renewable energy.

Sec. 11. 30 V.S.A. § 8008 is amended to read:

§ 8008. AGREEMENTS; ATTRIBUTE REVENUES; DISPOSITION BY
COMMISSION

(a) As used in this section, “the revenues” means revenues that are from the sale, through tradeable clean or renewable energy certificates or other means, of environmental attributes associated with the generation of clean and renewable energy from a system of generation resources with a total plant capacity greater than 200 MW and that are received by a Vermont retail electricity provider on or after May 1, 2012, pursuant to an agreement, contract, memorandum of understanding, or other transaction in which a person or entity agrees to transfer such revenues or rights associated with such attributes to the provider.

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Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

Thereupon, **Rep. Harrison of Chittenden** asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw the amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 505

Rep. Pinsonault of Dorset, for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Message from the Senate No. 49

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Gradel, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has considered House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

S. 27. An act relating to medical debt relief and excluding medical debt from credit reports.

And has concurred therein with an amendment in the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 96. An act relating to increasing the monetary thresholds for certificates of need.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Adjournment

At one o'clock and forty-two minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.